

# Child Care Assistance Program - Overview

## The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP):

- Helps pay for child care while parents work or go to school
- Helps ensure children are well cared for and prepared to enter school.

## 30,000 children served throughout the state:

- 68 percent are children of color or American Indian children
- 60 percent are age 5 or younger



# Child Care Assistance Program Federal Compliance - Program Improvements

## **Ensures 12 month eligibility for families:**

- Eliminate 6 month limit on Portability Pool child care
- Families who receive MFIP for at least 1 month qualify for Transition Year child care
- Children who reach age limit continue to be eligible until redetermination

## **Better serve families experiencing homelessness:**

- Applications processed faster
- More time to gather verifications
- Activity requirements waived for first 3 months

# Child Care Assistance Program Federal Compliance - Program Improvements

- Ensures federal health and safety requirements are met by out-of-state providers who serve MN children
- Expands due process rights for providers
  - Provides due process for all adverse actions through a fair hearing or an administrative review
  - Currently, CCAP provider appeal rights are limited to overpayments and fraud disqualifications established through an Administrative Disqualification Hearing
  - 2 FTEs needed to handle expected increase in provider appeals

# Child Care Assistance Program Maximum Rates – Update Maximum Rates

## Proposal

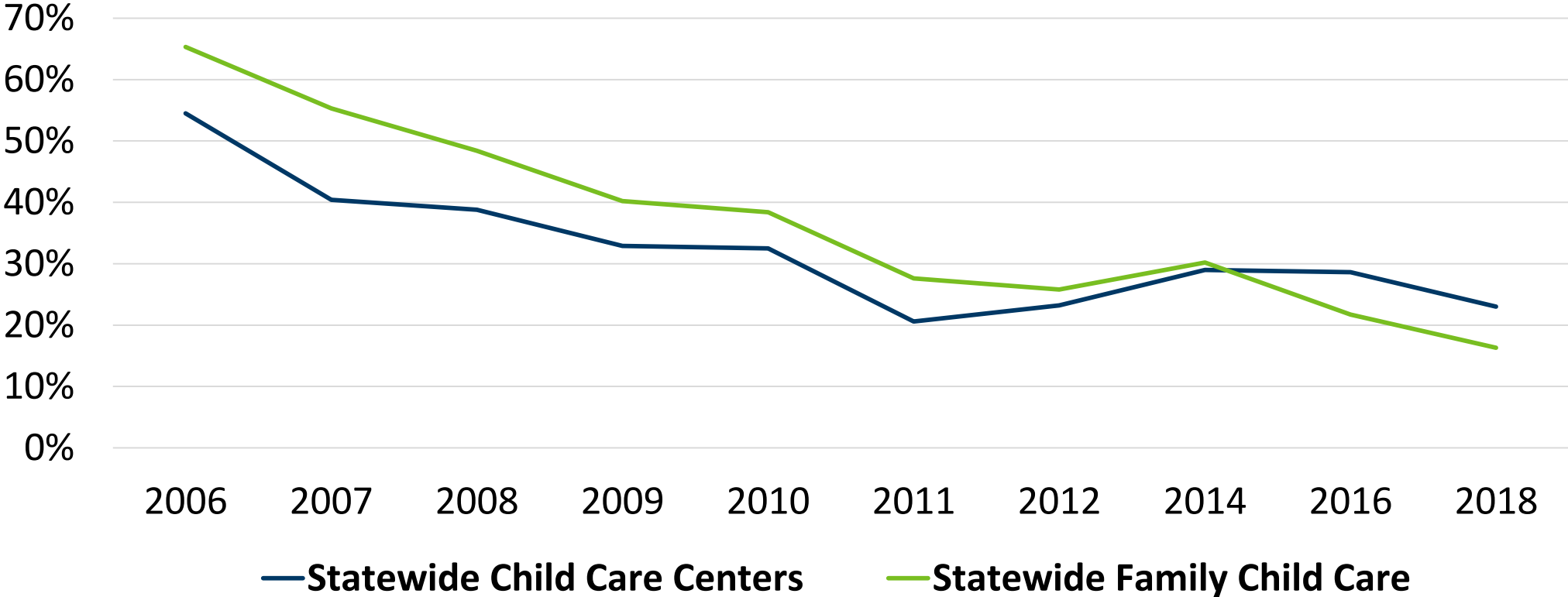
- Updates maximum rates and registration fees to the greater of the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of the most recent rate survey or the current rate
- Changes frequency of rate survey to every three years
- Increases payment to most of the 3,265 providers paid by CCAP

## Other Information

- Federal direction: States need to increase payment rates to at least the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile by 9/30/2019 to avoid penalty
- Maximum Rates last updated in 2014 (tied to the 2011 survey). Fully cover:
  - 16 percent of family child care prices
  - 23 percent of center prices

# Child Care Assistance Program – Maximum rates

Percent of provider prices fully covered by the CCAP standard maximum rates



# Child Care Assistance Program Basic Sliding Fee Waiting List

- 1,948 families were on the waiting list in December. Twenty-five counties had a waiting list
- Approximately 1,000 of those families would be determined eligible if given the chance to apply
- Provides funding to serve approximately 1,000 additional families (about 2,000 children) through Basic Sliding Fee Child Care

# Child Care Assistance Program Integrity

## Child Care Assistance Program Integrity Proposal

- Enhances existing attendance record keeping requirements
- Clarifies absent day and holiday billing requirements
- Establishes a method for calculating attendance record overpayments
- Allows a penalty for providers who fail to report decreases in attendance
- Limits retroactive eligibility for families to three months

# Thank You!

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