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
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
Proposal

- Updates maximum rates and registration fees to the greater of the 25\textsuperscript{th} 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\textsuperscript{th} 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
Percent of provider prices fully covered by the CCAP standard maximum rates

- Statewide Child Care Centers
- Statewide Family Child Care
• 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 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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