

**WAC 110-15-0190 WCCC benefit calculations.** (1) The amount of care a consumer may receive is determined by DSHS at application or reapplication. Once the care is authorized, the amount will not be reduced during the eligibility period unless:

- (a) The consumer requests the reduction;
- (b) The care is for a school-aged child as described in subsection (3) of this section; or
- (c) Incorrect information was given at application or reapplication.

(2) To determine the amount of weekly hours of care needed, DSHS reviews:

(a) The consumer's participation in approved activities and the number of hours the child attends school, including home school, which will reduce the amount of care needed.

(b) In a two parent household, the days and times approved activities overlap, and only authorize care during those overlapping times. The consumer is eligible for full-time care if overlapping care totals one hundred ten hours in one month.

(c) DSHS will not consider the schedule of a parent in a two parent household who is not able to care for the child.

(3) Full-time care for a family using licensed providers is authorized when the consumer participates in approved activities at least one hundred ten hours per month:

(a) Twenty-three full-day units per month will be authorized when the child needs care five or more hours per day;

(b) Thirty half-day units per month will be authorized when the child needs care less than five hours per day;

(c) Forty-six half-day units per month will be authorized during the months of June, July, and August for a school-aged child who needs five or more hours of care;

(d) Supervisor approval is required for additional days of care that exceeds twenty-three full days or thirty half days per month; and

(e) Care cannot exceed sixteen hours per day, per child.

(4) Full-time care for a family using in-home/relative providers (family, friends and neighbors) is authorized when the consumer participates in approved activities at least one hundred ten hours per month:

(a) Two hundred thirty hours of care will be authorized when the child needs care five or more hours per day;

(b) One hundred fifteen hours of care will be authorized when the child needs care less than five hours per day;

(c) One hundred fifteen hours of care will be authorized during the school year for a school-aged child who needs care less than five hours per day and the provider will be authorized for contingency hours each month, up to a maximum of two hundred thirty hours;

(d) Two hundred thirty hours of care will be authorized during the school year for a school-aged child who needs care five or more hours in a day;

(e) Supervisor approval is required for hours of care that exceed two hundred thirty hours per month; and

(f) Care cannot exceed sixteen hours per day, per child.

(5) When determining part-time care for a family using licensed providers and the activity is less than one hundred ten hours per month:

(a) A full-day unit will be authorized for each day of care that exceeds five hours;

(b) A half-day unit will be authorized for each day of care that is less than five hours; and

(c) A half-day unit will be authorized for each day of care for a school-aged child, not to exceed thirty half days.

(6) When determining part-time care for a family using in-home/relative providers:

(a) Under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, DSHS will authorize the number of hours of care needed per month when the activity is less than one hundred ten hours per month; and

(b) The total number of authorized hours and contingency hours claimed cannot exceed two hundred thirty hours per month.

(7) DSHS determines the allocation of hours or units for families with multiple providers based upon the information received from the parent.

(8) DSHS may authorize more than the state rate and up to the provider's private pay rate if:

(a) The parent is a WorkFirst participant; and

(b) Appropriate child care, at the state rate, is not available within a reasonable distance from the approved activity site. "Appropriate" means licensed or certified child care under WAC 110-15-0125, or an approved in-home/relative provider under WAC 110-16-0010. "Reasonable distance" is determined by comparing distances other local families must travel to access appropriate child care.

(9) Other fees DSHS may authorize to a provider are:

(a) Registration fees;

(b) Field trip fees;

(c) Nonstandard hours bonus;

(d) Overtime care to a licensed provider who has a written policy to charge all families, when care is expected to exceed ten hours in a day; and

(e) Special needs rates for a child.

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