

October 16, 2020

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Parent Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip



Dear Parent:

**UPDATE: Temporary \$0 copay policy extended through December 31, 2020**

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) has made several temporary policy changes to the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program to support families during the state of emergency.

ODHS has received additional funding to extend the \$0 copay. Families applying or re-applying for ERDC will be eligible for a \$0 copay **through December 31, 2020**. All families will continue to have a \$0 copay through their 12-month certification period.

A previous letter was sent stating copays would remain at \$0 for recertifications happening through September 30, 2020. ODHS leadership is grateful for the continued opportunity to support families with a waived copay amount during the COVID-19 state of emergency. **With this increase in funding, new families applying for ERDC, and families recertifying their ERDC benefits in October, November and December 2020, will receive a \$0 copay for the length of their certification period.**

For real-time policy updates, please visit our website at  
<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/assistance/child-care/pages/parents.aspx>.

For more information or questions, reach out to:

- If you have questions about your child care assistance, contact your local ODHS office.
- If you have questions about child care payments, call Direct Pay Unit (DPU) at 1-800-699-9074, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- You can also email general questions to [customerservice.dpu@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:customerservice.dpu@dhsosha.state.or.us).

Thank you,  
ODHS Child Care Policy