



# Child Care Assistance Changes:

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Q Why are changes being made to child care assistance?**

Utah is responding to a \$21 million reduction in federal funding for child care assistance. This is not a reduction in state funding for child care assistance.

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### **Q Is Utah cutting child care assistance?**

No. Child care assistance is still available. However, we are making changes to the subsidy program that might impact eligibility and rates for some families.

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### **Q Will families immediately lose their child care assistance?**

No. Families will not see an immediate change to their assistance. For families who are no longer eligible under the new income requirements, changes will take effect at their next annual review.

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### **Q How many families will be affected?**

Approximately 89% of families currently receiving child care assistance are expected to remain eligible under the new income requirements.

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### **Q What is Utah doing to minimize the impact on families?**

The Utah Office of Child Care recognizes how important reliable child care is for Utah families. The changes are being phased in, and families will receive advance notice so they have time to plan. Our goal is to minimize disruption while preserving assistance for families with the greatest financial need.

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### **Q What should families do now?**

Families do not need to take any immediate action. They should continue to follow the normal annual review process and watch for communications from the Office of Child Care about any changes to their individual benefits.