

Table 4
Child Care Income
Eligibility and Co-Payment

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Families have a monthly co-payment that is subtracted from the amount of child care assistance (subsidy) a family qualifies for. The co-payment is determined based on (1) household size, (2) countable household income and (3) number of children in child care.

Families are responsible to pay their co-payment directly to their provider each month. Families may also have additional out of pocket expenses to pay depending on how much their provider charges for services.

Entry Limit: Income Group 6 is the **entry** threshold used for initial eligibility to process an **Application**. It is the maximum countable income to qualify when applying for child care assistance.

Exit Limit: Income Group 10 is the **exit** threshold used for eligibility to process a **Review**. It is the maximum countable income to qualify when completing a child care Review.

Open Child Care: Income Group 16 is the **interim** threshold used **between Review cycles**. Once approved for child care, families may remain income eligible during their full Review period as long as countable income does not exceed the upper income limits found in Group 16.

- See income limits for changes that must be reported within 10 days of the change.

Special Needs: Income Group 16 is the threshold for families **approved** for **Special Needs** Child Care. These families may qualify at a higher income limit for both entry and exit income levels.

Household Size-2

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-1803	0	0	0
Group 2	1,803.01-2,140	18	0	0
Group 3	2,140.01-2,477	43	0	0
Group 4	2,477.01-2,814	74	0	0

Group 5	2,814.01-3,151	113	0	0
Group 6	3,151.01-3,468	126	0	0
Group 7	3,468.01-3,825	139	0	0
Group 8	3,825.01-4,162	153	0	0
Group 9	4,162.01-4,335	208	0	0
Group 10	4,335.01-4,509	217	0	0
Group 11	4,509.01-4,682	225	0	0
Group 12	4,682.01-4,855	234	0	0
Group 13	4,855.01-5,116	291	0	0
Group 14	5,116.01-5,376	307	0	0
Group 15	5,376.01-5,636	323	0	0
Group 16	5,636.01-5,896	366	0	0

Household Size-3

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-2,277	0	0	0
Group 2	2,277.01-2,686	23	28	0
Group 3	2,686.01-3,095	54	60	0
Group 4	3,095.01-3,504	93	101	0
Group 5	3,504.01-3,913	140	149	0
Group 6	3,913.01-4,284	157	166	0
Group 7	4,284.01-4,732	171	182	0
Group 8	4,732.01-5,141	189	201	0
Group 9	5,141.01-5,355	257	270	0
Group 10	5,355.01-5,570	268	281	0
Group 11	5,570.01-5,784	278	292	0
Group 12	5,784.01-5,998	289	304	0
Group 13	5,998.01-6,319	360	375	0
Group 14	6,319.01-6,641	379	395	0
Group 15	6,641.01-6,962	398	415	0
Group 16	6,962.01-7,283	453	470	0

Household Size-4

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-2,750	0	0	0
Group 2	2,750.01-3,231	28	34	41
Group 3	3,231.01-3,713	65	73	81
Group 4	3,713.01-4,194	111	121	130
Group 5	4,194.01-4,676	168	178	189
Group 6	4,676.01-5,100	187	199	210
Group 7	5,100.01-5,639	204	217	230
Group 8	5,639.01-6,120	226	240	254
Group 9	6,120.01-6,375	306	321	337
Group 10	6,375.01-6,630	319	335	351
Group 11	6,630.01-6,885	332	348	365
Group 12	6,885.01-7,140	344	361	379
Group 13	7,140.01-7,523	428	446	464
Group 14	7,523.01-7,905	451	470	489
Group 15	7,905.01-8,288	474	494	514
Group 16	8,288.01-8,670	539	559	580

Household Size-5

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-3,223	0	0	0
Group 2	3,223.01-3,777	32	40	48
Group 3	3,777.01-4,331	76	85	94
Group 4	4,331.01-4,885	130	141	152
Group 5	4,885.01-5,438	195	208	220
Group 6	5,438.01-5,916	218	231	245
Group 7	5,916.01-6,546	237	251	266

Group 8	6,546.01-7,100	262	278	295
Group 9	7,100.01-7,395	355	373	390
Group 10	7,395.01-7,691	370	388	407
Group 11	7,691.01-7,987	385	404	423
Group 12	7,987.01-8,283	399	419	439
Group 13	8,283.01-8,727	497	518	538
Group 14	8,727.01-9,170	524	545	567
Group 15	9,170.01-9,614	550	573	596
Group 16	9,614.01-10,058	625	649	673

Household Size-6

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-3,697	0	0	0
Group 2	3,697.01-4,323	37	46	55
Group 3	4,323.01-4,949	86	97	108
Group 4	4,949.01-5,575	148	161	173
Group 5	5,575.01-6,201	223	237	251
Group 6	6,201.01-6,732	248	264	279
Group 7	6,732.01-7,453	269	286	303
Group 8	7,453.01-8,079	298	317	335
Group 9	8,079.01-8,415	404	424	444
Group 10	8,415.01-8,752	421	442	463
Group 11	8,752.01-9,089	438	459	481
Group 12	9,089.01-9,425	454	477	500
Group 13	9,425.01-9,930	566	589	613
Group 14	9,930.01-10,435	596	621	645
Group 15	10,435.01-10,940	626	652	678
Group 16	10,940-11,445	711	738	766

Household Size-7

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-4170	0	0	0
Group 2	4,170.01-4,755	42	52	63
Group 3	4,755.01-5,339	95	107	119
Group 4	5,339.01-5,924	160	174	187
Group 5	5,924.01-6,509	237	252	267
Group 6	6,509.01-6,885	260	277	293
Group 7	6,885.01-7,678	275	293	310
Group 8	7,678.01-8,262	307	326	346
Group 9	8,262.01-8,607	413	434	454
Group 10	8,607.01-8,951	430	452	473
Group 11	8,951.01-9,295	448	470	492
Group 12	9,295.01-9,640	465	488	511
Group 13	9,640.01-10,156	578	602	627
Group 14	10,156.01-10,672	609	635	660
Group 15	10,672.01-11,189	640	667	694
Group 16	11,189.01-11,705	727	755	783

Household Size-8

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-4,643	0	0	0
Group 2	4,643.01-5,187	46	58	70
Group 3	5,187.01-5,730	104	117	130
Group 4	5,730.01-6,273	172	186	201
Group 5	6,273.01-6,816	251	267	282
Group 6	6,816.01-7,038	273	290	307
Group 7	7,038.01-7,903	282	299	317
Group 8	7,903.01-8,446	316	336	356
Group 9	8,446.01-8,798	422	443	465

Group 10	8,798.01-9,150	440	462	484
Group 11	9,150.01-9,502	457	480	503
Group 12	9,502.01-9,854	475	499	523
Group 13	9,854.01-10,382	591	616	640
Group 14	10,382.01-10,910	623	649	675
Group 15	10,910.01-11,437	655	682	709
Group 16	11,437.01-11,965	743	772	801

Household Size-9

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-5,117	0	0	0
Group 2	5,117.01-5,619	51	64	77
Group 3	5,619.01-6,120	112	126	140
Group 4	6,120.01-6,622	184	199	214
Group 5	6,622.01-7,124	265	281	298
Group 6	7,124.01-7,191	285	303	321
Group 7	7,191.01-8,128	288	306	324
Group 8	8,128.01-8,630	325	345	366
Group 9	8,630.01-8,989	431	453	475
Group 10	8,989.01-9,349	449	472	494
Group 11	9,349.01-9,708	467	491	514
Group 12	9,708.01-10,068	485	510	534
Group 13	10,068.01-10,607	604	629	654
Group 14	10,607.01-11,147	636	663	689
Group 15	11,147.01-11,686	669	697	725
Group 16	11,686.01-12,225	760	789	818

Household Size-10

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-5,590	0	0	0
Group 2	5,590.01-6,539	56	70	84
Group 3	6,539.01-6,740	131	147	163
Group 4	6,740.01-6,941	202	219	236
Group 5	6,941.01-7,143	278	295	312
Group 6	7,143.01-7,344	286	304	321
Group 7	7,344.01-8,353	294	312	330
Group 8	8,353.01-8,813	334	355	376
Group 9	8,813.01-9,181	441	463	485
Group 10	9,181.01-9,548	459	482	505
Group 11	9,548.01-9,915	477	501	525
Group 12	9,915.01-10,282	496	521	545
Group 13	10,282.01-10,833	617	643	668
Group 14	10,833.01-11,384	650	677	704
Group 15	11,384.01-11,935	683	711	740
Group 16	11,935.01-12,846	776	806	835

Household Size-11

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-6,063	0	0	0
Group 2	6,063.01-6,675	61	76	91
Group 3	6,675.01-6,881	134	150	167
Group 4	6,881.01-7,086	206	224	241
Group 5	7,086.01-7,292	283	301	319

Group 6	7,292.01-7,497	292	310	328
Group 7	7,497.01-8,578	300	319	337
Group 8	8,578.01-8,997	343	365	386
Group 9	8,997.01-9,372	450	472	495
Group 10	9,372.01-9,747	469	492	515
Group 11	9,747.01-10,122	487	512	536
Group 12	10,122.01-10,496	506	531	557
Group 13	10,496.01-11,059	630	656	682
Group 14	11,059.01-11,621	664	691	719
Group 15	11,621.01-12,183	697	726	755
Group 16	12,183.01-12,746	792	822	853

Household Size-12+

Income Group	Income Range	Co-Payment		
		1 Child	2 Children	> 2 Children
Group 1	0-6,537	0	0	0
Group 2	6,537.01-6,811	65	82	98
Group 3	6,811.01-7,021	136	153	170
Group 4	7,021.01-7,231	211	228	246
Group 5	7,231.01-7,440	289	307	325
Group 6	7,440.01-7,650	298	316	335
Group 7	7,650.01-8,803	306	325	344
Group 8	8,803.01-9,181	352	374	396
Group 9	9,181.01-9,563	459	482	505
Group 10	9,563.01-9,946	478	502	526
Group 11	9,946.01-10,328	497	522	547
Group 12	10,328.01-10,711	516	542	568
Group 13	10,711.01-11,284	643	669	696
Group 14	11,284.01-11,858	677	705	733
Group 15	11,858.01-12,432	711	741	771
Group 16	12,432.01-13,006	808	839	870