Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS) contracts with licensed child care facilities to provide child care for families through the child care subsidy program. This appendix provides information regarding the rates paid to child care facilities and how these rates are determined.

Child Care Rates

The rates paid by OKDHS are determined by the:

- **star status of the facility.** Child Care Services (CCS) licensing staff determines the star status of a facility based on certain quality indicators. The higher the star status, the higher the reimbursement rate given by OKDHS. Increases in star status are effective the month after CCS licensing approval. Decreases in star status are effective four months after CCS notifies the provider of the reduction.
- **settings in which child care is provided.** Child care rates vary depending on whether care is given in a child care center, a child care home, or in the child's own home. The in-home child care rate is 90 percent of the rate paid to a one star child care home for a child of the same age. Refer to page 2 of this appendix for the one-star child care home rates.
- **child's age.** Age breakdowns are different for child care centers and homes. Age-driven rate changes are made effective the first of the month following the child's birth date.
  Per Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 340:40-7-3, child care eligibility ends at the next renewal after the child turns 13 years of age. When needed, a child meeting the definition of a child with disabilities per OAC 340:40-7-3.1 or a child under court supervision may receive child care benefits until the next renewal after the child turns 19 years of age. OKDHS pays the same rate for the child's care as for a child between 73 months and 13 years of age.
- **unit type that is approved:**
  - **Full-time.** The full-time daily unit type is approved when the child needs care more than four hours per day and **fewer than 15 days** or **more than 23 days** per month.
  - **Part-time.** The part-time daily unit type is approved when the child needs four hours or fewer per day.
  - **Blended.** The blended unit types are approved for a child 4 years of age or older when the child needs care Monday through Friday **only** (never on Saturday or Sunday); part-time on school days and full-time on school holidays. The traditional blended unit type is effective from August 16th through May 15th of each year and payment reverts to the weekly unit type beginning May 16th through August 15th.The extended school year blended unit type is effective for the entire calendar year. The blended unit type is **not** approved when the:
    - facility is not open on school holidays;
    - child requires more full time days in addition to school holidays;
    - child does not need care on school holidays;
    - child uses a different facility for school holidays;
    - child only needs part time care;
    - child uses more than one provider; or
    - child uses an in-home provider that comes to child's home;

- child receives the special needs rate; or
- child receives child care subsidy on two separate cases due to a joint custody arrangement.

- **Weekly.** The weekly unit type may be approved when care is needed **more** than four hours per day and **at least 15 days** and **no more than 23 days** per month. A weekly unit type is paid at the full-time daily rate for the number of days the child attends more than four hours. Absent day payments are made with the payment received after the tenth of the following month. A weekly unit type is not approved when the child:
  - requires any part-time care;
  - uses two different providers; or
  - uses an in-home provider that comes to the child's home; or
  - receives child care subsidy on two separate cases due to a joint custody arrangement.

- **Special needs (ages 0 to 19 years of age).** To qualify for a special needs unit type, the child must meet the OKDHS definition of a child with disabilities per OAC 340:40-7-3.1 and the child and provider must meet certification requirements following completion of Form 08AD006E, Certification for Special Needs Child Care Rate for Licensed Child Care Homes and Centers. When the child qualifies, a special needs unit type is effective the first of the month following special needs approval. A special needs unit type, when approved, is paid in addition to the rate paid for a typically developing child of the same age. When the parent qualifies, a weekly special needs unit type may be approved. The two special needs categories are:
  - **moderate special needs rate:** child care providers receive an additional $16 for a full-time day and an additional $12 for a part-time day for a child approved for the moderate special needs rate; and
  - **severe special needs rate:** child care providers receive an additional $28 for a full-time day and an additional $20 for a part-time day for a child approved for the severe special needs rate.
- **Need for non-traditional hours of care.** A non-traditional hours payment can be made when the child attends full-time on weekdays and at least two of those hours fall between 6:00 pm and 6:00 am. A non-traditional hours payment can also be made for full-time care on weekends. To qualify for the non-traditional hours payment, the child must be approved for a full-time daily or weekly unit type. The non-traditional hours payment amount is $14 per day and is paid in addition to the typical full time daily amount paid for the child. Non-traditional hours payments are included in the payment received after the 10th day of the following month.
- **Child Welfare.** An additional $5 per day payment is made for children receiving care in a Child Welfare (KK) case. This $5 payment is made in addition to the daily amount shown on the applicable child care chart.
- **Community Hope Centers.** Child care programs operating under a Community Hope Center license are eligible to receive the following payment rates:
  - Full Time Daily Rate: $25 per day
  - Part Time Daily Rate: $13 per day
  - Blended Rate: $15 per day

One-Star

Child care *centers*

Child's age	Daily rates		Blended rates	
	Full	Part	Traditional	Extended
0 - 12 months	$20.00	$14.50	NA	NA
13 - 24 months	$20.00	$14.50	NA	NA
25 - 48 months	$17.20	$11.50	NA	NA
49 - 72 months	$17.00	$11.50	$12.60	$13.80
73 months - 13 years	$13.80	$9.50	$9.80	$11.20

Child care *homes*

Child's age	Daily rates		Blended rates	
	Full	Part	Traditional	Extended
0 - 24 months	$20.00	$13.70	NA	NA
25 - 48 months	$17.20	$11.20	NA	NA
49 - 72 months	$16.20	$11.20	$12.60	$13.70
73 months - 13 years	$13.00	$8.00	$9.70	$10.80

Two-Star

Child care *centers*

Child's age	Daily rates		Blended rates	
	Full	Part	Traditional	Extended
0 - 12 months	$22.80	$15.00	NA	NA
13 - 24 months	$21.80	$15.00	NA	NA
25 - 48 months	$19.60	$12.80	NA	NA
49 - 72 months	$18.50	$12.80	$14.80	$15.90
73 months - 13 years	$16.10	$10.70	$12.60	$13.70

Child care *homes*

Child's age	Daily rates		Blended rates	
	Full	Part	Traditional	Extended
0 - 24 months	$20.70	$13.90	NA	NA
25 - 48 months	$18.50	$12.80	NA	NA
49 - 72 months	$18.50	$12.80	$14.80	$15.90
73 months - 13 years	$13.70	$9.60	$11.00	$12.10

Three-Star

Child care *centers*

Child's age	Daily rates		Blended rates	
	Full	Part	Traditional	Extended
0 - 12 months	$38.00	$23.40	NA	NA
13 - 24 months	$33.60	$20.20	NA	NA
25 - 48 months	$31.50	$18.90	NA	NA
49 - 72 months	$22.80	$15.00	$17.30	$18.70
73 months - 13 years	$18.80	$12.80	$14.60	$16.00

Child care *homes*

Child's age	Daily rates		Blended rates	
	Full	Part	Traditional	Extended
0 - 24 months	$28.60	$18.20	NA	NA
25 - 48 months	$26.50	$16.70	NA	NA
49 - 72 months	$22.80	$15.00	$17.30	$18.70
73 months - 13 years	$18.20	$11.80	$13.70	$15.10

Four-Star

Child care *centers*

Child's age	Daily rates		Blended rates	
	Full	Part	Traditional	Extended
0 - 12 months	$44.00	$26.40	NA	NA
13 - 24 months	$41.80	$25.20	NA	NA
25 - 48 months	$35.90	$21.90	NA	NA
49 - 72 months	$25.20	$16.10	$19.90	$21.30
73 months - 13 years	$20.70	$12.80	$15.10	$16.50

Child care *homes*

Child's age	Daily rates		Blended rates	
	Full	Part	Traditional	Extended
0 - 24 months	$39.50	$25.70	NA	NA
25 - 48 months	$36.00	$22.10	NA	NA
49 - 72 months	$26.60	$17.10	$19.90	$21.30
73 months - 13 years	$20.70	$12.80	$15.10	$16.50

Five-Star

Child care *centers*

Child's age	Daily rates		Blended rates	
	Full	Part	Traditional	Extended
0 - 12 months	$50.60	$30.40	NA	NA
13 - 24 months	$48.10	$29.00	NA	NA
25 - 48 months	$41.30	$25.20	NA	NA
49 - 72 months	$29.00	$18.50	$22.90	$24.50
73 months - 13 years	$23.80	$14.70	$17.40	$19.00

Child care *homes*

Child's age	Daily rates		Blended rates	
	Full	Part	Traditional	Extended
0 - 24 months	$45.40	$29.60	NA	NA
25 - 48 months	$41.40	$25.40	NA	NA
49 - 72 months	$30.60	$19.70	$22.90	$24.50
73 months - 13 years	$23.80	$14.70	$17.40	$19.00

Absent Day Payments

When a child qualifies for the weekly unit type, OKDHS may pay for some days the child is absent from care. To qualify for the weekly unit type, the parent's schedule must require more than four hours of care each day and at least 15 days and no more than 23 days per month. The child **MUST** attend the minimum number of full-time days for that calendar month before OKDHS pays an absent day payment. When the child does not attend the minimum number of full-time days for that calendar month, OKDHS pays only for the days the child attended.

The chart below shows the minimum number of full-time days a child must attend the child care facility before qualifying for an absent day payment and the maximum days that will be paid. OKDHS pays the weekly unit type at the full-time daily rate for the number of days the child attends more than four hours. Absent day payments are included in the payment received after the tenth day of the following month.

The maximum number of days paid is based upon the number of days in the month minus eight.

Month	Minimum attended	Maximum paid
31 day month *January, March, May, July, August, October, December*	16 full-time days	23 full-time days
30 day month *April, June, September, November*	15 full-time days	22 full-time days
28 day month *February*	15 full-time days	20 full-time days
29 day month *February – leap year*	15 full-time days	21 full-time days