

Using the Payment Calculator

Overview

This Quick Reference Guide shows Providers how to use the Payment Calculator tool to estimate the amount received through the Child Care Certificate Program. This tool is available to Child Care providers participating in the Child Care Certificate Program and Providers that are interested in participating.

Audience

Child Care Providers

Estimating Payments

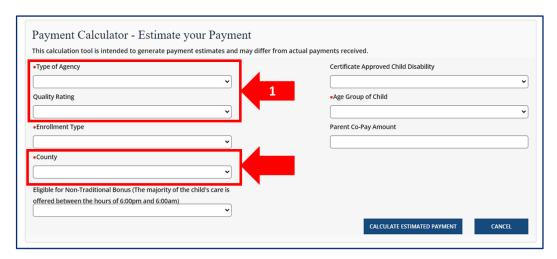
To estimate the amount received through the Child Care Certificate Program, begin by accessing your Provider Portal Dashboard and selecting the **Payment Calculator** tile under the **Invoice and Payment** section.



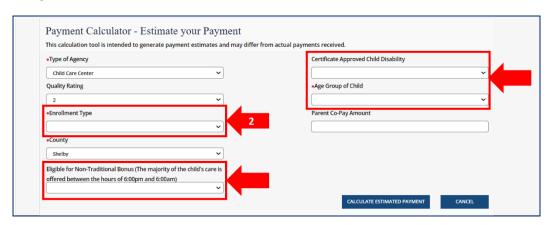
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1. Select your **Type of Agency**, **Quality Rating**, and **County**. Exempt, DOE Providers, and licensed agencies without a rating should select **N/A** for **Quality Rating**.



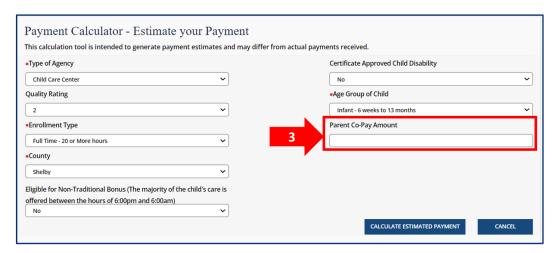
2. The Payment Calculator displays the payment for one enrollment at a time. Select the appropriate responses for the Enrollment Type, Eligible for Non-Traditional Bonus, Certificate Approved Child Disability and Age Group of Child.



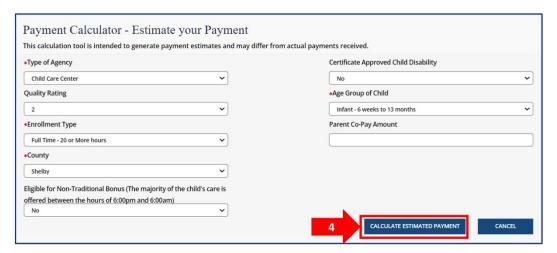
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3. Enter the **Parent Co-pay** Amount if available. You may skip this step if you do not know the Parent Co-Pay Amount.



4. Select Calculate Estimated Payment.



Information Regarding Payment Estimations, Bonuses and Differentials

This calculation tool is intended to generate payment estimates and may differ from actual payments received. To understand how payments are calculated and displayed additional information is available below. Differentials and Quality Bonuses are calculated on base rates. Differentials are calculated and added individually and not compounded.

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Bonus or Differential	Qualifications and Amount
Quality Bonus:	For this transition period through September 30 th , 2024 Star Ratings will continue to be used as Quality Bonuses.
Desert Differential:	Beginning July 1, 2019, the State will add a 15% bonus to counties identified as either distressed or child care deserts based on current Desert Mapping and annual distress county designations*
Infant/Toddler Differntial:	Beginning October 1, 2023, a 15% bonus above the current reimbursement rates will be provided for infants and toddlers.
Non-Traditional Differential:	Beginning July 1, 2019, a 15% bonus above the current reimbursement rates will be provided for children receiving care in non-traditional hours. (The majority of the child's care is offered between the hours of 6:00pm and 6:00am.)
Disability Differential:	Beginning October 1, 2021, a 15% bonus above the current reimbursement rates will be provided for children receiving care and have been identified with disabilities and special needs.
QRIS Transition Bonus:	There will be a 5% QRIS Transition Bonus applied for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024

^{*}Desert: Region 1 was identified as a deficit of over 500 child care slots to meet the needs of families. This region includes the following counties:

Blount,Bradley,Campbell,Coffee,Cumberland,Fayette,Franklin,Grainger,Greene,Hardeman,Hardin,Hawkins,Hickman,Jefferson,Lawrence,Loudon,Macon,Marion,Marshall,Maury,McMinn,McNairy,Monroe,Morgan,Rhea,Roane,Sevier,Smith,Sullivan,Union,Warren,Washington and White

Region 2 was identified as a deficit of 250 to 500 child care slots to meet the needs of families. This region includes the following counties:Benton, Cannon, Carroll, Chester, DeKalb, Dickson, Fentress, Henderson, Humphreys, Jackson, Lincoln, Meigs, Perry, Polk, Sequatchie, Unicoi, Wayne and Weakley. Distressed as of July 1, 2023: Bledsoe, Clay, Cocke, Hancock, Hardeman, Lake, Perry, Scott.

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