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Changes to the DCDEE Subsidized Child Care Market Rates
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As of October 1, 2016, three-, four-, and five-star rated child care centers and family child care home providers in Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties may receive Market Rate Adjustments for three, four, and five year olds as specified by the General Assembly in Session Law 2016-94, the budget bill for 2015-16. Providers may determine if they are within a Tier 1 or a Tier 2 county by referring to <https://www.nccommerce.com/research-publications/incentive-reports/county-tier-designations>.

This change will not affect your ability to have one Private Pay Rate increase during the calendar year. Rate increases go into effect on the first day of the month following a 30-day notice of the rate change. For example, private pay rate changes must be received by no later than August 31, 2016 to have the change take effect October 1, 2016.

Providers are required to take action to change their Private Pay Rates. The table below provides information for communicating with the county and entering the rates into the new NC FAST Provider Portal. These steps are required to keep existing processes and the new NC FAST Provider Portal in sync with identical Private Pay Rates.

		Before 8/15/16	Between 8/15/16 and 9/30/16	Between 10/1/16 and 12/29/16
Provider Actions Required	For existing processes	Send updated Rate Sheet to County/LPA	Send updated Rate Sheet to County/LPA	Send updated Rate Sheet to County/LPA
	In NC FAST Provider Portal	Modify Private Pay Rates using "Market Increase" as the reason for the change	Modify rates or complete enrollment with new Private Pay Rates	Modify rates or complete enrollment with new Private Pay Rates
Market Rates Reflected on Approval Notice*		Existing January 1, 2016 market rates	Existing January 1, 2016 market rates	New October 1, 2016 market rates

*New approved rates will be provided (or available via an Approval Notice on the NC FAST Provider Portal for NC FAST-enrolled providers) reflecting October 1, 2016 market rates and revised approved subsidy rates by October 3, 2016.

If you have any questions about the new Market Rates, please contact your Local Purchasing Agency.