



What you need to know about the latest funding changes?

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For your service

- You will keep getting the 50% payment till the 12th of July.
- CCS comes back on the 13th of July. (Note - this is the second week of the school holidays.)
- You can start charging fees from the 13th of July and you need to start using your software to submit session reports from then.
- You will get a new Transition Payment from the 13th of July to the 27th of September which will be half of what your 50% payment was. Like the transition payment you can use this however you want. You are under no obligation to pass this onto educators, but it may be in your service's best interests to pass some of it on.
- In return for this payment your FDC must make sure that:
 - No educator is charging higher fees than they did in the last two weeks of February.
 - You have the same number of educators you did in February.
 - You no longer claim JobKeeper from 20th of July for your service staff.
 - Your educators no longer claim JobKeeper from 20th of July.
 - You charge families fees. (i.e. you cannot waive gap fees).
- You can register new educators from the 13 July, and they will receive ccs and fees as usual
- You can start charging levies again from the week beginning 13th of July if this works for your service.
- Discuss with you families now, what their booked hours will be after the 13th of July.
- You may need to explain the rules about ACCS (Temporary Financial Hardship) to families. Remember that they need to apply through Centrelink and this only lasts for 13 weeks.
- From 13th July the CCS hourly rate cap is \$11.30 for FDC and \$33.17 for IHC.



- There are new absence rules from when CCS restarts. Families will no longer be able to have more than 42 days absences from July 1. (Remember this was increased to 62 days for 2019/2020). Families can still get additional absence days for the old specified reasons, e.g. if the child is ill. They still do not need medical evidence of this till December 3 if the absence is COVID-19 related.)
- Families can now receive CCS for absences up to seven days before a child's first, and after a child's last physical attendance at a service for a range of reasons.

For your educators

- They need to stop claiming JobKeeper from July 20th.
- Their fees need to be the same as they were in February and cannot go up until after 27 September.
- They can charge families gap fees from the end of the week beginning 13th of July.

For your families

- They will be charged fees again from the week beginning the 13th of July. (This is halfway through the school holidays so families who use vacation care will be paying for the second week only.)
- Families who have had their hours of work cut because of COVID-19 are eligible for 100 hours of CCS per fortnight but only if they inform Centrelink of this.
- Families need to register for CCS if they are new to FDC, (i.e. have enrolled in FDC since the end of February and were not getting CCS at another service type prior to then.)
- All families need to confirm their income (i.e. submit their tax return for 18/19) by the 30th of June or they will not get CCS when the free childcare finishes.
- **All** families need to put in a new family income estimate for 20/21 with Centrelink before CCS restarts to ensure they are getting the correct rate.
- Families where either partner have lost a job or have had their hours substantially cut can apply for Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) for 13 weeks via Centrelink.
- NSWFDCA have drafted a letter members may wish to adapt and send to families. (This is attached to this letter.)