



Tiered Reimbursements

Facilities that achieve an Early Achievers Level 3 through 5 rating and serve children receiving Working Connections Child Care (WCCC), Seasonal Child Care or Children's Administration subsidies are eligible to earn a higher incentive added to their base subsidy rate. The subsidy reimbursement rates are as follows:

Family home child care programs*:

- Level 3: 10% above the base rate
- Level 4: 15% above the base rate
- Level 5: 20 % above the base rate

Center-based providers:

- Level 3: 4% above the base rate
- Level 4: 10% above the base rate
- Level 5: 15 % above the base rate

Each tiered reimbursement rate includes a percentage increase in subsidy rate over the current base rate. Any time the base rate increases, the additional incentive is applied over the higher base rate.

*Family home child care tiered reimbursement rates are negotiated by SEIU 925.

Tiered Reimbursement Monthly Payments

Tiered reimbursements are paid out for a full month of participation. If a provider is rated to a higher level after the second day of the month, then they would not be eligible for the higher rate until the following month. For example, if a provider rated on August 2nd, they would be eligible to begin receiving tiered reimbursement in September.

Tiered reimbursement payments are received two months after the month of service. This means that eligible participants providing services in September would receive their subsidy payment in October, but would get their Early Achievers tiered reimbursements check/direct deposit in November.

Please call the Early Achievers hotline at 1-866-922-7629 or contact the QRIS inbox at qris@del.wa.gov with any questions. Be sure to have your name, Provider ID and SSPS # readily available when inquiring about tiered reimbursement payments.

