

CCDF Final Rule:

Impact on Tribal Lead Agencies

ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Early Childhood Development

 Office of Child Care



CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF)

- ❖ \$557 million program to Tribal Lead Agencies
- ❖ 262 Tribal CCDF Lead Agencies representing 545 Tribal Nations
- ❖ Annual CCDF grants range from \$50,000/year to tens of millions
- ❖ Serves more than 17,000 Native children through Tribal Lead Agencies
- ❖ Tribes can use CCDF funds for construction and major renovation of child care facilities



Benefits of the Final Rule



Lower family child care costs



More flexibility on construction



Easier and faster CCDF enrollment



Lower Family Costs

Tribal CCDF Allocation Size	Eliminate Family Co-pays	Maximum 7% Family Co-pays
Small	Existing flexibility	<i>Exempt</i>
Medium	<i>New flexibility</i>	<i>New requirement</i>
Large	<i>New flexibility</i>	<i>New requirement</i>



NEW CONSTRUCTION FLEXIBILITIES

	Obligation Period	Liquidation Period	Total Time
Currently	None	3 years	3 years
New Rule	3 years	2 years	5 years



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Major Renovation	Prior Definition	New Definition
<u>Structural</u> changes to the facility	Considered major renovation	Considered major renovation <i>when cost limit is exceeded</i>
Changes to the <u>function or purpose</u> of the facility	Considered major renovation	Considered major renovation <i>when cost limit is exceeded</i>
<u>Cost</u> of renovating the facility	N/A	Considered major renovation* if equal to or exceeding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$350,000 for centers • \$50,000 for family homes <p><i>*UNLESS there are no changes to the structure, function, or purpose of the facility and they improve health, safety, and/or quality</i></p>



EASIER AND FASTER ENROLLMENT

The following *enrollment processes* are encouraged for Tribal Lead Agencies:

- **Presumptive eligibility** before full documentation and verification
- **Simplified verification** using family's enrollment in other public benefits programs
- **Online application** available



EXEMPTIONS FROM NEW STATE RULES



Consumer Education: Tribal Lead Agencies are not required to post current information about their sliding fee scales for parent co-payments online

Grants and Contracts: Tribal Lead Agencies are not required, but encouraged to use some grants or contracts for direct services to increase the supply of child care for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children in underserved geographic areas

Payment Practices: Tribal Lead Agencies are not required to make prospective payments to providers based on enrollment



Effective Date & Next Steps

Resources on the Final Rule, including summaries and redline of regulatory language at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/outreach-material/2024-ccdf-final-rule>

- Rule becomes effective April 30, 2024
- Temporary transitional and legislative waiver requests accepted beginning in May 2024
- More resources on Rule and waiver process to come

