

## D. CHILD CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

### 1. Description

Child Care for Children with Disabilities (CCCD) is that portion of child care provided to children related to their medical or disability-related needs. Child care is provided to children from birth through age 17 on the average of less than 12 hours per day, but more than two hours per week on a regular basis, in lieu of caregiver supervision. Care is provided in a child's home by an approved provider or in a setting approved or licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services. The parent or primary caregiver is responsible for the basic cost of routine child care. The Aged and Disabled Medicaid Waiver is responsible for the payment of the service above the basic cost of routine child care.

The need for this service must be reflected in one or more assessment areas of the child's plan of services and supports.

### 2. CCCD Conditions of Provision

The services coordinator shall include Child Care for Children with Disabilities in the plan of services and supports only to allow the usual caregiver(s) to:

- a. Accept or maintain employment; or
- b. Enroll in and regularly attend vocational or educational training to attain a high school or equivalent diploma or an undergraduate degree or certificate which enables the caregiver(s) to increase future or maintain current earning power. Note: This excludes students pursuing second undergraduate degrees, second certificates, or any post-graduate schooling.

School System Services: No service which is the responsibility of the school system may be provided under the waiver. The services coordinator shall not authorize Child Care for Children with Disabilities for the hours the child is attending school.

### 3. CCCD Standards

Waiver providers of CCCD must be approved or licensed through HHS. Waiver providers of CCCD shall obtain adequate information on the medical and personal needs of each child, if applicable; and observe and report all changes to the services coordinator.

Each provider of Child Care for Children with Disabilities must be at least age 19. If no provider age 19 or older is available and acceptable to the family, and the family requests a younger provider, the services coordinator may

authorize a provider age 16, 17, or 18 (see 474 NAC 3-002.03A3). A provider age 18 or younger (unless s/he is an emancipated minor) shall obtain the signature of his/her parent or legal guardian on the Services Provider Agreement.

4. ~~CCCD rates~~ Child Care for Children with Disabilities Rates

CCCD rates shall be negotiated based upon the child's needs which affect staffing requirements (i.e., provider skill level or intensity of care provision), as identified through the assessment process.

The parent or primary caregiver of the child is responsible for the cost of routine child care. That amount is determined by the provider rates published by the Child Care Subsidy Program. The Department is responsible for payment of the approved cost of the service above the basic cost of routine child care.

Services may be authorized in frequencies of hours, and/or days. ~~and/or weeks.~~ Six or more hours of care provided outside the child's home must be paid at a day rate, if that option is offered by the provider to private pay families.