

May 12, 2023

External End of Legislative Session Update Q&A

Q: What % increase will the ILS providers receive?

A: The ILS funding provided by the Legislature is about a 25% increase over current contracted dollars (\$750,000 increase on top of \$2.8 million in contracts). The new funding will be included in contract amendments beginning in fall 2023. DCYF will expend the full year of funding for the fiscal year.

Q: For 5225 - is the 85% SMI eligibility requirement only for child care employees or is it raising that percentage for others as well?

A: It is specific to childcare employees.

Q: On average, what kind of rate increase will most providers see based on the 85th percentile?

A: These rate changes will go into effect on July 1, 2023. The new rate chart will be **posted on our website**.

Q: When might ESIT providers learn how much each of them would receive as a result of this rate enhancement?

A: Information for ESIT providers will be made available on our **ESIT provider webpage**. You can also subscribe to our **ESIT Weekly Newsletter** for all announcements relevant to ESIT providers.

Q: Will recording or only slides be posted later?

A: The slides and recording are posted on the **DCYF Government Affairs website** under "Updates and Webinars"

Q: When is the \$50 increase to the basic foster care rate going into effect? July or January?

A: The \$50 increase will go into effect in July 2023.

