

CAPS Reimbursement Rates

CAPS has established a state maximum rate to reimburse providers based on the location where care is provided, the type of child care provider selected, the age of the child, and the type of care being provided. When multiple types of care are provided for the same child within the same service week (i.e., full time, part time, before and/or after), the maximum rate CAPS will reimburse the provider is the state maximum rate for full time care.

On May 17, 2021, DECAL began a CAPS initiative called ACCESS (Awarding Child Care Education Scholarship Supplements) to mitigate the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Georgia's child care industry and to help eligible Georgia families (also negatively impacted by the pandemic) pay for child care. When ACCESS went into effect, DECAL paid providers' full published rates for the type of care provided, including the family fee. Effective October 2, 2023, CAPS families will resume paying their family fee, and DECAL will pay the provider their full published rate for the type of care provided minus the family fee. ACCESS initiative payments supplement the published CAPS reimbursement rates.

| | | Zone 1 Zone 2 | | Zone 3 | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|
| Type of Care | Center | Family | Informal | Center | Family | Informal | Center | Family | Informal |
| Full-time (per week) | | | | | | | | | |
| Infant (birth – 12 months) | \$165 | \$145 | \$112 | \$120 | \$100 | \$89 | \$95 | \$85 | \$54 |
| Toddler (1 – 2 years) | \$159 | \$137 | \$100 | \$115 | \$100 | \$89 | \$95 | \$83 | \$54 |
| Preschool (3 – 5 years) | \$137 | \$125 | \$89 | \$100 | \$90 | \$78 | \$90 | \$80 | \$52 |
| School age (6 years & older) | \$125 | \$100 | \$89 | \$95 | \$85 | \$78 | \$85 | \$80 | \$52 |
| Part-time (per day) | | | | | | | | | |
| All ages | \$44 | \$35 | \$30 | \$30 | \$28 | \$25 | \$24 | \$22 | \$17 |
| Before and after school (per week) | | | | | | | | | |
| All ages | \$80 | \$65 | \$59 | \$65 | \$55 | \$52 | \$50 | \$45 | \$40 |

Counties included in each payment zone are listed on page 2.



CAPS Payment Zones

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| Camden | Cobb | Fayette | Gwinnett | Paulding |
|----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Cherokee | DeKalb | Forsyth | Hall | Rockdale |
| Clayton | Douglas | Fulton | Henry | |

Zone 2

| Baldwin | Columbia | Houston | Meriwether | Richmond |
|---------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Barrow | Coweta | Jackson | Morgan | Spalding |
| Bartow | Dawson | Jones | Murray | Tift |
| Bibb | Dougherty | Lamar | Muscogee | Troup |
| Bryan | Effingham | Lee | Newton | Walton |
| Bulloch | Floyd | Liberty | Oconee | Whitfield |
| Butts | Glynn | Lowndes | Peach | |
| Catoosa | Gordon | Lumpkin | Pike | |
| Chatham | Harris | Madison | Pulaski | |

McDuffie

Putnam

Zone 3

Clarke

| Zone 3 | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Appling | Colquitt | Haralson | Pierce | Treutlen |
| Atkinson | Cook | Heard | Polk | Turner |
| Bacon | Crawford | Irwin | Quitman | Twiggs |
| Baker | Crisp | Jasper | Rabun | Union |
| Banks | Dade | Jeff Davis | Randolph | Upson |
| Ben Hill | Decatur | Jefferson | Schley | Walker |
| Berrien | Dodge | Jenkins | Screven | Ware |
| Bleckley | Dooly | Johnson | Seminole | Warren |
| Brantley | Early | Lanier | Stephens | |
| Brooks | Echols | Laurens | Stewart | Washington |
| Burke | Elbert | Lincoln | Sumter | Wayne |
| Calhoun | Emanuel | Long | Talbot | Webster |
| Candler | Evans | Macon | Taliaferro | Wheeler |
| Carroll | Fannin | Marion | Tattnall | White |
| Charlton | Franklin | McIntosh | Taylor | Wilcox |
| Chattahoochee | Gilmer | Miller | Telfair | Wilkes |
| Chattooga | Glascock | Mitchell | Terrell | Wilkinson |
| Clay | Grady | Monroe | Thomas | Worth |
| Clinch | Greene | Montgomery | Toombs | |
| Coffee | Habersham | Oglethorpe | Towns | |
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Pickens

Hancock