

## CAPS Family Fee

Normally, families participating in the CAPS program are asked to share in the cost of their child care expenses. Each family is responsible for paying a weekly fee directly to the child care provider. The fee, based on family size and income, is for all children in care within a family, not for each individual child.

However, effective May 17, 2021, CAPS implemented the ACCESS (Awarding Child Care Education Scholarship Supplements) initiative. ACCESS temporarily supports CAPS families by paying 100% of their child care tuition costs. Through ACCESS, DECAL will pay the provider their full published rate for the type of care provided, **including the family fee**. This means that our CAPS families will not pay their child care provider any tuition related fees or co-payments for child care. ACCESS initiative payments supplement the published CAPS reimbursement rates.

The initiative is paid for by federal funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). ACCESS is intended 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.

Family unit size	Annual income			
1	\$0 to \$1,458	\$1,459 to \$7,290	\$7,291 to \$14,580	\$14,581 or more
2	\$0 to \$1,972	\$1,973 to \$9,861	\$9,862 to \$19,720	\$19,721 or more
3	\$0 to \$2,486	\$2,487 to \$12,430	\$12,431 to \$24,860	\$24,861 or more
4	\$0 to \$3,000	\$3,001 to \$15,000	\$15,001 to \$30,000	\$30,001 or more
5	\$0 to \$3,514	\$3,515 to \$17,570	\$17,571 to \$35,140	\$35,141 or more
6	\$0 to \$4,028	\$4,029 to \$20,140	\$20,141 to \$40,280	\$40,281 or more
7	\$0 to \$4,542	\$4,543 to \$22,710	\$22,711 to \$45,420	\$45,421 or more
8	\$0 to \$5,056	\$5,057 to \$25,280	\$25,281 to \$50,560	\$50,561 or more
9	\$0 to \$5,570	\$5,571 to \$27,850	\$27,851 to \$55,700	\$55,701 or more
10	\$0 to \$6,084	\$6,085 to \$30,420	\$30,421 to \$60,840	\$60,841 or more
11	\$0 to \$6,598	\$6,599 to \$32,990	\$32,991 to \$65,980	\$65,981 or more
12	\$0 to \$7,112	\$7,113 to \$35,560	\$35,561 to \$71,120	\$71,121 or more
Family fee:	No family fee	3% of income	5% of income	7% of income

Income ranges are determined as follows:

Ratio of income to poverty:	10% or less	Over 10% to 50%	Over 50% to 100%	Over 100%
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Based on 2023 poverty guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Weekly family fee = annual gross applicable income x .03, .05, or .07 (3, 5, or 7%), divided by 52 weeks, rounded down to whole dollar amount.

Resulting family fee will be evenly divided among all children in care.