

Authorization to share information for fraud investigation and audits.

I give permission to authorized investigators and third parties to share information about me during the course of investigations regarding fraud, fraud prevention and misrepresentation, and conducting federal or state audits. Third parties who can share information about me with investigators include but are not limited to financial institutions, credit reporting agencies, landlords, public housing agencies, schools, utility companies, insurance agencies, employers, other government agencies and others as they apply. I also understand that my permission to share information about me remains in effect for six months after my benefits stop.

Provider release.

State and federal privacy laws protect my information. If I am eligible for child care assistance, CCAP staff can share information about the hours and amount of child care assistance I get with my child care provider(s). My provider will be notified when my redetermination is due. I understand:

- This information must be shared so that my child care provider knows how much CCAP will pay for the child care provided.
- This information can be shared only if I give my written permission or if the law allows it.
- I can refuse to sign or cancel this release, but if I do, CCAP may not be able to pay my provider for the child care provided.
- I may cancel this authorization with written notice anytime. This written notice will not affect information already released.
- The person or agency who gets my information may be able to pass it on to others.
- If my information is passed on to others by DHS, it may no longer be protected by this authorization.

This authorization will end one year from the date I sign it. Minnesota Data Privacy Act (Minn. Stat., Ch. 13).

Penalty warning.

If you get child care assistance benefits, do not give false information or hide information:

- To get or continue to get child care assistance benefits
- To help someone else to get or to continue to get child care assistance payments.

The state may bar a family with a member who breaks either of these rules from the Child Care Assistance Program. The bar lasts one year for the first fraud, two years for the second fraud, and is permanent for the third fraud. A person who supplies false information in order for them or someone else to receive Child Care Assistance may also be prosecuted criminally.

If I get child care assistance I understand:

- I must cooperate with child support enforcement and assign my child care support portion to the Minnesota Department of Human Services. I have the right to claim "good cause" for not cooperating with child support enforcement.
- I may be required to pay a co-payment fee.
- If my child care provider charges more than the maximum rate paid in my county, I will pay the additional costs, as well as my co-payment fee.
- I must report changes to the information I have given within 10 calendar days from the date the change occurred. These include changes in employment and activity status and schedules, family status, significant income changes, address or residence, or anyone moving in or out of my household. Refer to [Reporting Responsibilities for CCAP families \(DHS-6953\)](#) for specific requirements.
- I must give the county agency and my child care provider 15 calendar days' notice before changing my child care provider(s). This notice is not needed in cases when:
 - A provider's Minnesota child care license has been temporarily immediately suspended or
 - There is an imminent risk of harm to the health, safety, or rights of a child in the care of a provider not licensed by Minnesota.
- My eligibility for child care assistance will be redetermined every 12 months.
- I have the right to choose any legal child care provider, including certified licensed child care centers, licensed family child care providers and legally nonlicensed child care providers that meet program requirements.
- If I choose a provider to provide child care in my home, I am considered the employer of the provider and have legal and tax responsibilities. This care must be approved by DHS before child care assistance can be paid.