



Child Development and Education

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the new CDE “Path to Quality” Program

When is the new Path to Quality program starting? CDE is proud to announce the kick off of our Path to Quality program. Our Path to Quality program will provide a higher rate of reimbursement for those providers who have achieved certain credentials and who have been validated by the CDE validation team to be at a certain QRIS level. Reimbursement at the Path to Quality rates will begin November 1, 2012 provided that you have submitted the proper documentation and application to schedule a validation visit to verify what level of quality you have achieved.

I am currently a provider with CDE. Am I eligible for an additional .25 if I meet the requirements of the Path to Quality Step 1? CDE’s providers who have obtained their EEC PQ number and have completed the QRIS Self-Assessment application will receive .25 above the state reimbursement rate. For current CDE providers, this is the additional .25 you are already receiving since becoming affiliated with CDE’s Family Child Care System.

If my CDA/NAFCC expires but I am in the process of renewing, can I still continue to receive the .50/.75cents? If you have submitted your renewal application for CDA/NAFCC by the expiration date, you will continue to receive the .50/.75 increase. Once your CDA/NAFCC certificate is renewed, please provide your regional office with a copy of the new certificate.

If I have my CDA, NAFCC accreditation, and an Associate’s in Early Childhood but cannot be validated at the EEC QRIS Levels 2 or higher, what Path to Quality Step will I be? You are eligible for each incremental rate increase for your CDA, NAFCC and AA degree but your Path to Quality rating will coincide with your CDE validated QRIS Level.

What if I have a bachelor's or a master's degree in another field, can I still get the \$1.00? Your Associate, Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree must be in the fields of Early Childhood, Child Development or Special Education.

Is CDE going to continue providing the CDA courses in Spanish in order for me to be able to get to a level 2 in the QRIS? Child Development is committed to providing our comprehensive CDA course to assist you in obtaining your Credential. CDE will assist you in paying for 50% of your application fee. Once you obtain your CDA, you will be eligible for the Path to Quality increase in reimbursement. This reimbursement is ongoing as long as you keep your CDA current. CDE has now eliminated the one time bonus that we used to provide in favor of providing a higher reimbursement rate that is ongoing.

What documents will I need to provide proof that I am at a specific level in the QRIS? You will need to provide documented evidence for each incremental pay increase; CDA certificate, NAFCC certificate, College transcripts, and all self assessed scoring on FCCERS, BAS and Arnet as submitted to EEC to verified QRIS Level. All of these documentations will be provide with your Path to Quality Application for Validation.

What happens if I do not have copy of my Bachelor's or Associates, can I provide CDE with the transcript proving I have a degree? Copies of degrees are not accepted; you must provide official copy of your transcripts.

If I have a Bachelor's Degree in Science with a minor in early childhood, will I still get the \$1.00 rate increase if I provide my transcript showing courses? To be eligible for the \$1.00 rate increase, you must have an Associate’s, Bachelor’s and/or Master’s Degree in Early Childhood, Child Development or Special Education. The rate increases are not for coursework.

Do I have to meet all of the requirements on each level to get to the Path to Quality Step 4 – “Excellent”? Yes

Do I have to fulfill all the terms of the previous Path to Quality step to get to the next? Yes; however, you may receive all the incremental rate increases if you have provided documented evidence that you have achieved the credentials listed in the Path to Quality program (CDA, NAFCC, Associates or Bachelors Degree). Your Path to Quality Step level will be issued based on the highest COMPLETED Level.

How often may I apply for higher steps on the Path to Quality Program? Educators must be at a validated step for six months before they apply for a higher step. The time is measured from the date the educator receives the higher level of reimbursement.