**State Child Care Assistance Policies: Idaho**

**December 2013**

- **Income eligibility limit:** In 2013, a family of three in Idaho could qualify for child care assistance with an annual income up to $24,828 (127 percent of poverty, 48 percent of state median income).\(^1\)

- **Waiting list:** Idaho had no waiting list for child care assistance as of February 2013.

- **Parent copayments:** In 2013, a family of three with an income at 100 percent of poverty ($19,530 a year) receiving child care assistance in Idaho paid $226 per month, or 14 percent of its income, in copayments.\(^2\)

- **Reimbursement rates:** In 2013, Idaho's reimbursement rates for child care providers serving families receiving child care assistance were below the federally recommended level—the 75th percentile of current market rates, which is the level designed to give families access to 75 percent of the providers in their community.

  - Idaho's monthly reimbursement rate for center care for a four-year-old in the Boise metropolitan area (Region IV)\(^3\) was $492, which was $93 (16 percent) below the 75th percentile of current market rates for this type of care.

  - Idaho's monthly reimbursement rate for center care for a one-year-old in the Boise metropolitan area (Region IV) was $594, which was $51 (8 percent) below the 75th percentile of current market rates for this type of care.

- **Tiered reimbursement rates:** In 2013, Idaho did not pay higher reimbursement rates for higher-quality care.

- **Eligibility for parents searching for a job:** In 2013, Idaho allowed parents to continue receiving child care assistance while searching for a job only until the end of the month in which they lost their previous job. The state did not allow parents to qualify for child care assistance while searching for a job.

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**Source:** Karen Schulman and Helen Blank, Pivot Point: State Child Care Assistance Policies 2013 (Washington, DC: National Women’s Law Center, 2013). These data reflect policies as of February 2013, unless otherwise indicated.

\(^1\) As of October 2013, the income limit was expected to increase to $25,392 (130 percent of poverty) to adjust for the 2013 federal poverty level.

\(^2\) The state determines copayments based on the cost of care; this copayment was calculated assuming that the family was purchasing care at the state’s maximum reimbursement rate for licensed, non-accredited center care for a four-year-old.

\(^3\) Region IV includes Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties.