

Administration of the Child Care Assistance Program

2018-2019 Koochiching County and Tribal Child Care Fund Plan

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Background: Counties and tribes must submit a biennial Child Care Fund Plan to the commissioner. Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rules and laws allow counties and tribes to establish some local policies and procedures. These local policies and procedures, when included in this plan and approved by the commissioner, are considered county/tribal policy and are used to support agency decisions during appeals. The Department of Human Services (DHS) will review and approve County and Tribal Child Care Fund Plans. Counties and tribes will receive approval letters for their Child Care Fund Plans from the commissioner of DHS. This plan period begins on January 1, 2018.

Minnesota Statute, section 119B.08, subdivision 3

Steps to complete the plan process:

Step One – Review the plan

Determine if there are changes to policies or procedures compared to previous plans, or if there are new policies or procedures. Involve other staff as needed.

Note: New questions were added and questions were re-ordered.

Step Two – Draft the plan responses

Step Three – Inform or involve stakeholders

DHS encourages counties and tribes to develop optional policies for the Child Care Assistance Program in coordination with local child care stakeholders. This may include: parents, child care providers, culturally specific service organizations, Child Care Aware agencies (formerly known as child care resource and referral agencies), interagency early intervention committees, potential collaborative partners and agencies involved in the provision of care and education to young children. Consult with other agency staff such as fraud investigators, income maintenance and employment services staff.

Step Four – Share the draft plan

Prior to submission, make copies of the proposed plan available to the public and allow sufficient time for public review and comment. See question II.D of this plan; describe methods used to make the plan available to the public, particularly to those members listed in II.D.

Step Five – Submit the plan by the deadline

Submit the plan by the deadline, and note these guidelines:

- Identify all optional county/tribal Child Care Assistance Program policies; see question IX.A.
- Do not answer questions by stating that the reviewer should refer to a previous plan.
- Submit any agency-developed forms that have not been previously submitted and approved. Do not submit DHS and MEC² standardized forms. Refer to the DHS memo announcing this plan for a list of DHS created documents that are required for CCAP.
- Provide an answer to each question. Incomplete plans will be returned.

Amendments to plans

A county or tribe may amend their Child Care Fund Plan at any time, but the commissioner must approve the amendment before it becomes effective. If approved by the commissioner, the amendment is effective on the date requested by the agency unless a different effective date is set by the commissioner. Plan amendments must be approved or denied by the commissioner within 60 days after receipt of the amendment request.

Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0150, subpart 3

Amendments include changes in county/tribal contacts, county/tribal optional policies, new or revised forms and notices. Amendments can be sent in letter form or by email to the agency's CCAP policy specialist.

Return completed plans by **Tuesday, September 19, 2017** to:

DHS.CCAP@state.mn.us



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I. Child Care Assistance Program contacts

A. County or tribal agency

COUNTY OR TRIBE NAME Koochiching	GENERAL PHONE NUMBER 218-283-7000	EXTENSION	GENERAL FAX NUMBER 218-283-7013
AGENCY'S FULL NAME Koochiching County Public Health and Human Services		CCAP INTAKE PHONE NUMBER 218-283-7000	EXTENSION
MAIN OFFICE STREET ADDRESS 1000 5th St	CITY International Falls	ZIP CODE 56649	
MAIN OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS (if different)	CITY	ZIP CODE	

B. County or tribal branch office (if applicable)

BRANCH NAME	GENERAL PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION	GENERAL FAX NUMBER	CCAP INTAKE PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION
ADDRESS OF BRANCH OFFICE		CITY		ZIP CODE	

C. Agency contact people

This contact information is required to be completed and will be used by DHS staff to communicate with counties or tribes.

1. County or tribal CCAP administrative contact

Who is your primary contact for DHS CCAP?

<input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ms.	FIRST NAME Kathy	LAST NAME LaFrance			
TITLE Director	PHONE NUMBER 218-283-7000	EXTENSION 1026	FAX NUMBER 218-283-7013		
EMAIL ADDRESS kathy.lafrance@co.koochiching.mn.us	SIR EMAIL ADDRESS X136406@cty.dhs.state.mn.us				
ADDRESS 1000 5th St	CITY International Falls		ZIP CODE 56649		

2. County or tribal client access contact

Who is your lead person/s who has contact with families receiving CCAP?

<input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ms.	FIRST NAME Valerie	LAST NAME Long			
TITLE Income Maintenance Supervisor	PHONE NUMBER 218-283-7000	EXTENSION 1014	FAX NUMBER 218-283-7013		
EMAIL ADDRESS valerie.long@co.koochiching.mn.us	SIR EMAIL ADDRESS X136503@cty.dhs.state.mn.us				
ADDRESS 1000 5th St	CITY International Falls		ZIP CODE 56649		

<input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ms.	FIRST NAME Carmen	LAST NAME Christenson		
TITLE Eligibility Worker		PHONE NUMBER 218-283-7000	EXTENSION 1021	FAX NUMBER 218-283-7013
EMAIL ADDRESS carmen.christenson@co.koochiching.mn.us		SIR EMAIL ADDRESS X136281@cty.dhs.state.mn.us		
ADDRESS 1000 5th St		CITY International Falls		ZIP CODE 56649

<input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ms.	FIRST NAME Tracy	LAST NAME Lunser		
TITLE Eligibility Worker		PHONE NUMBER 218-283-7000	EXTENSION 1031	FAX NUMBER 218-283-7013
EMAIL ADDRESS tracy.lunser@co.koochiching.mn.us		SIR EMAIL ADDRESS X136306@cty.dhs.state.mn.us		
ADDRESS 1000 5th St		CITY International Falls		ZIP CODE 56649

3. Management of waiting list contact

Who is your waiting list contact person? The waiting list contact person identified is responsible for maintaining the waiting list and responding to the state's questions about families reported on the waiting list. Only identify one waiting list contact.

<input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ms.	FIRST NAME Valerie	LAST NAME Long		
TITLE Income Maintenance Supervisor		PHONE NUMBER 218-283-7000	EXTENSION 1014	FAX NUMBER 218-283-7013
EMAIL ADDRESS valerie.long@co.koochiching.mn.us		SIR EMAIL ADDRESS X136503@cty.dhs.state.mn.us		
ADDRESS 1000 5th St		CITY International Falls		ZIP CODE 56649

4. Provider billing contact

Who is your lead billing contact person who is able to answer questions about billing and payments?

<input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ms.	FIRST NAME Essa	LAST NAME Eide		
TITLE Account Technician		PHONE NUMBER 218-283-7000	EXTENSION 1035	FAX NUMBER 218-283-7013
EMAIL ADDRESS essa.eide@co.koochiching.mn.us		SIR EMAIL ADDRESS X136203@cty.dhs.state.mn.us		
ADDRESS 1000 5th St		CITY International Falls		ZIP CODE 56649

5. Provider registration contact

Who is your lead provider registration contact person who is able to answer questions about provider registrations?

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

FIRST NAME Valerie		LAST NAME Long		
TITLE Income Maintenance Supervisor		PHONE NUMBER 218-283-7000	EXTENSION 1014	FAX NUMBER 218-283-7013
EMAIL ADDRESS valerie.long@co.koochiching.mn.us		SIR EMAIL ADDRESS X136503@cty.dhs.state.mn.us		
ADDRESS 1000 5th St		CITY International Falls		ZIP CODE 56649

D. Subcontracted services

Counties and tribes may contract with an agency to administer all or part of their Child Care Assistance Program. Do not include cooperative agreements with employment and training service providers that work with MFIP/DWP families to develop and approve the employment service plan.

Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0140, subpart 7

If you are planning any changes in the administration of your CCAP, tell your CCAP policy specialist immediately. This could involve subcontracting or mergers of counties. Failing to notify DHS may delay the changes that you are planning to make.

Does your county or tribe contract with an agency for any part of the administration of CCAP? Yes No

II. Collaboration and outreach

A. How do you share information so that individuals, child care providers, social service agencies, etc. are aware of child care assistance? (Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0140, subpart 2)

DHS information brochure is included in family cash and SNAP application packets, and eligibility workers review the program in MFIP/DWP orientation meetings. The program is advertised in the local newspaper, information given to the public upon request, and information is on the county website.

B. Agencies are required to work with other public and private community resources that provide services to families. These other resources include, but are not limited to, Child Care Aware, School Readiness, Early Learning Scholarships, Head Start, and Early Childhood Screening. List the community programs your agency works with to maximize community resources for families with young children. (Minnesota Statute, section 119B.08, subdivision 3 (1))

We provide information and work with public and private community resources. These resources include:
 AEOA Employment Services
 NEMOJT Employment Services
 Kootasca Community Action/Headstart
 Falls Hunger Coalition/Food Shelf
 Salvation Army
 HUD/subsidized housing
 schools
 churches

C. How do you work with the community based programs and service providers identified above to maximize public and private community resources for families with young children? Include in this description the methods used to share information, responsibility, and accountability among these service and program providers as you work to foster collaboration among agencies and other community-based programs that provide flexible, family-focused services to families with young children and to facilitate transition into kindergarten.

We meet monthly with AEOA and NEMOJT Employment Providers to discuss day care providers that have closed,

How do you
and private
share inform

newly licensed day care providers, and if there are out-of-county providers within a 2 hour commute. Information and applications are given upon request by other providers and families, and questions referred to the eligibility workers.

- D.** Copies of the proposed plan must be made reasonably available to the public, including those interested in child care policies such as parents, child care providers, culturally specific service organizations, Child Care Aware of Minnesota agencies (child care resource and referral), interagency early intervention committees, potential collaborative partners and agencies involved in the provision of care and education to young children. **You must allow time for public review and comment prior to submitting this plan to DHS for approval.** ([Minnesota Statute, section 119B.08, subdivision 3 \(2\)](#))

D1. Describe your procedures and methods to make copies of the draft plan reasonably available to the public.

The plan will be available in the agency lobby, and on the county website.

D2. How long did you allow for public review?

The draft plan will be available for public review for a minimum of 30 days.

- E.** After your plan is approved by DHS, do you post your approved county/tribal plan on your website? Yes No

III. Eligibility

A. Education plans under the Basic Sliding Fee Program (BSF)

Prior to completing this section, please review [Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0040](#) and [Minnesota Statutes 119B.07](#) in their entirety to ensure your policies are in compliance.

1. High school diploma/GED high school equivalency diploma

1a. Do you approve all high school and GED programs? Yes No

1b. Identify any circumstances when you would end a student's Basic Sliding Fee education plan for a high school or GED program. Students cannot be required to maintain a certain GPA.

Not Applicable

2. Remedial and basic skills courses (includes Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language)

2a. Do you approve all remedial and basic skills courses? Yes No

2b. Identify any circumstances when you would end a student's Basic Sliding Fee education plan for a student attending a remedial or basic skills course.

Not Applicable

3. Post-secondary programs

3a. Describe your policy and procedures for approving a course of study that will lead to employment for a post-secondary student under Basic Sliding Fee.

The student must be taking classes that will result in a degree or certificate, or classes specifically for skills needed by local employers. They must provide a copy of their class schedule for the school year and verbally state what degree or certificate they are working towards.

3b. Identify the factors that contribute to the above policy (for example: the availability of jobs where family resides or intends to reside, wage data, job placement rates in field of study).

There are more job opportunities with a degree or certificate locally and statewide, and the pay is more likely to be higher than minimum wage.

3c. Identify any circumstances when you would end a student's Basic Sliding Fee education plan for a student attending a post-secondary program.

Not Applicable

4. Changes to Basic Sliding Fee (BSF) education plans

4a. Do you have a different approval policy if a participant requests a change to their education plan? Yes No

B. Basic Sliding Fee Waiting List management

1. Priorities for service

Have you established sub-priorities for the fifth priority Basic Sliding Fee waiting list beyond those required in Minnesota Statute, section 119B.03, subdivision 4?

Yes No

C. Child care for job search activities

1. When you authorize child care assistance during job search activities for families without an approved employment plan, how many hours do you authorize?

- Authorize the number of hours requested by the participant
- Authorize a standard number of hours **determined by the agency.**

NUMBER OF HOURS AUTHORIZED PER WEEK

Minnesota Rules, part
3400.0040, subpart 15a

CCAP Policy Manual,
Chapter 9.18

2. Do you verify the actual number of hours spent on job search? Yes No

D. Child care for school release days

How do case workers and billing workers authorize care for school release days in your agency?

- Authorize actual hours needed and increase or decrease hours based on known school release days.
- Authorize the hours care is needed when there are no school release days.
- Authorize the highest number of hours care is needed with the provider.
- Other method.

CCAP Policy Manual,
Chapter 9.1.3

How do you communicate scheduled and authorized hours to parents, providers and billing workers?

When the service agreement is approved, there is a system generated notice created listing authorized hours, that is sent to parents and providers. Billing workers have access to this notice if needed.

E. Child care for families with flexible schedules

How do case workers and billing workers authorize care for families with flexible schedules in your agency?

CCAP Policy Manual,
Chapter 9.1.6

- Authorize the typical number of hours needed and when the schedule requires additional care, the provider bills for the additional care.
- Authorize the minimum number of hours care is needed and when the schedule requires additional care, the provider bills for the additional care. Payment is made by increasing the number of hours listed in the "total hours of care authorized" field on the billing window or by creating a new Service Authorization.
- Authorize the highest number of hours care is needed with the provider. The provider is expected to bill only for the time that care is needed.
- Other method.

How do you communicate scheduled and authorized hours to parents, providers and billing workers?

When the service agreement is approved, MEC2 generates a service authorization letter listing authorized hours that is sent to both the parents and providers. Billing workers have access to this notice if needed.

F. Authorizing care for clients with Employment Plans

Job counselors and CCAP workers must communicate child care needs for clients with Employment Plans. Guidance can be found in [CCAP Policy Manual, Chapter 16.1](#).

1. Schedules and Authorizations

CCAP workers must obtain an activity schedule or the days and times that child care is needed. Who is responsible for obtaining the schedule information from the client?

- Job counselor provides schedule or days and times that child care is needed to CCAP worker.
- CCAP worker obtains schedule from client.
- Other method.

2. How do you communicate required information between job counselors and CCAP workers (email, fax, case notes, verbal, DHS-7054, etc.)?

The job counselor includes the participant's work schedule in the Employment Plan, and the Employment Plan is shared with the CCAP workers through encrypted email or secure fax. If there is a change in scheduled hours and a new Employment Plan is not needed, the change is communicated the same way or verbally at the monthly employment providers meetings.

IV. Provider compliance policies

A. Reasons for closing a provider's registration

[Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.13, subdivision 6\(d\)](#) allows counties and tribes to refuse to issue a child care authorization, revoke an existing authorization for a provider, stop payment, or refuse to pay a bill under circumstances described in the six clauses below. Counties and tribes must indicate which clauses they will include in their plan, and must apply the policies consistently to providers.

CCAP Policy Manual,
Chapter 9.3

CCAP Policy Manual,
Chapter 14

- An agency cannot implement these policies without establishing them in their plan.
- An agency must notify their CCAP Policy Specialist at least 10 days prior to closing a provider's registration or taking any other action to enforce any of these policies, except clause 4 when notified by DHS.
- An agency that does not implement these policies may still pursue a fraud disqualification for a provider. These policies can be used in addition to, or in combination with, a fraud disqualification.

Does your agency plan to disqualify providers for reasons listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.13, subdivision 6(d)?

- Yes No

V. Policies applicable to legal nonlicensed (LNL) providers

A. Unsafe care criteria

Individuals must pass a background study prior to being approved as an LNL provider. You have the option to apply additional conditions, beyond the background study disqualifications, under which care is considered unsafe. DHS recommends you review the following sections of statute to ensure that your policies are not requirements that are applied to all providers:

- [Minnesota Statute, sections 119B.125, subdivision 2](#)
- [Minnesota Statute, sections 245C.14 or 245C.15](#)

Note that a conviction for a crime or offense not listed in sections 245C.14 or 245C.15 is not an automatic bar to authorization as an LNL provider. A conviction for a crime or offense not listed may only bar an authorization if the crime or offense reflects on the provider's ability to provide care.

Do you apply additional conditions of unsafe care **beyond those contained in Minnesota Statute, sections 245C.14 or 245C.15**, to LNL providers or LNL care arrangements? Yes No

C. Records of substantiated parental complaints

Within 24 hours of receiving a complaint concerning the health or safety of children under the care of an LNL provider, an agency must relay the complaint to the agency's child protection agency, county public health agency, local law enforcement, and/or other agencies with jurisdictions to investigate complaints. When a report is substantiated, see [Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0140, subpart 6](#), for record retention and provider payment policies.

Minnesota Statutes,
chapter 13

When complaints are substantiated, how do you:

- Maintain these records, and
- Make this information available to the public when requested?

- a) Records of substantiated complaints are maintained in the Social Services Information System (SSIS).
b) Information is available to the public as allowed by data privacy laws in MN Statutes, Chapter 13.

VI. Special needs rates

Special needs rates, above the standard maximum rates, can be paid to providers if approved by the commissioner of DHS (up to the provider's charge).

Minnesota Statute,
section 119B.13,
subdivision 3

Minnesota Rules,
part 3400.0130,

CCAP Policy
Manual,
Chapter 9.54

A. Special needs rates for children in at-risk programs

You may choose to pay special needs rates to certain populations defined as "at-risk" in your County and Tribal Child Care Fund Plan. You must have DHS approval for these rates to be paid. At-risk means environmental or familial factors exist that could create barriers to a child's optimal achievement. If you have chosen to pay special needs rates for specialized care to identified at-risk populations, include information for each facility that provides specialized services. If you have a contract or agreement with the identified facilities, submit the contract or agreement as an attachment to this plan.

Identified at-risk population group	Facility name	Rate by age category	Rate schedule	Begin date	Documentation that supports the approved rate that is on file from the provider	Documentation in the file that supports that the child is included in the at-risk population
			▼			

If this information changes, including additional population groups identified by your agency, new facilities, or a proposed change in rates paid, DHS must approve the change. Submit a request to amend your plan. This information will be used during case audits.

B. Special needs rates for care of sick children

You may choose to pay special needs rates for the care of sick children. Special needs rates for care of sick children apply to rates paid above the standard maximum rates to a provider that cares for sick children. You must have DHS approval for these rates to be paid.

Minnesota Rules, part
3400.0110, subpart 8

1. Identify the provider type, rate(s) approved, rate schedule and the approved rate begin date for each special need rate currently paid above the standard maximum rate when care is for a sick child. **Do not attach client-specific**

Provider type	Rate by age category	Rate schedule	Approved rate begin date
▼		▼	

VII. Payment policies

A. Payment to two providers when a child is sick

When a child is sick and being cared for by a second provider, do you pay both the regular provider that charges an absent day if the child has not reached the absent day limit and the second provider that is caring for the child?

Minnesota Rules, part
3400.0110, subpart 8

Yes No

Note: If the rate paid for care of sick children exceeds maximum rates, the "rates for care of sick children" must be included in the special needs rates section of this plan.

B. Submission of invoices

If a provider receives an authorization of care and a billing form for an eligible family, the provider must submit the billing form to the agency within 60 days of the last date of service on the billing form. If the provider shows good cause for the delay then you may pay bills submitted after 60 days.

Minnesota Statute, section
119B.13, subdivision 6

1. What is your **definition of good cause** for delay in submitting a billing form? Agency error must be included in this definition.

Good cause circumstances include agency error; illness of a provider; illness or death of a provider's family member in their household; natural or catastrophic disaster; or other documented circumstances out of the parent or provider's control. Koochiching County will not pay a bill submitted more than one year after the last date of service

2. When is a provider signature not needed on a billing form?

Provider signature is required in all situations.

3. Do you require the parent signature on the billing form? Yes No

3a. When is a parent signature not needed on a paper billing form?

When the client has left the county and there is no contact information.

3b. Does your agency have any providers using MEC² PRO? Yes No

C. Underpayments

If you have underpaid according to Child Care Assistance Program policies, do you make corrective payments?

Yes No

If yes, under what conditions do you make corrective payments? You may apply criteria such as a dollar amount or how far back the situation occurred.

When there is agency error, or due to an appeal decision, or the client reports underpayments. If the client requests corrective payments, they must provide documentation of the change that created the underpayment. In this situation the agency will make corrective payments for a maximum of six months.

D. Provider rates

Does your agency enter provider rates on MEC? Yes No

Do you have any registered child care providers that meet these requirements? Yes No

VIII. Program integrity

A. Agency case management reviews can be used to determine causes of errors and identify specific policies needing review.

1. Do you conduct case management reviews of CCAP? Yes No
2. Do you conduct case management reviews of CCAP providers? Yes No

IX. Other information

A. Additional agency optional policies

Do you have any other policies that apply to the Child Care Assistance Program which are not specifically required by state or federal rule or law? (Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0140, subpart 1) (Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0150, subpart

2)

B. Agency developed forms

All agency developed forms and notices used for CCAP must reflect current policy and be approved by DHS. Counties and tribes must use forms developed by DHS for administration of CCAP. Agency developed forms must not duplicate or replace DHS forms. Local agencies may create supplemental forms subject to DHS approval. Forms must be written using plain language standards and meet other communication guidelines.

Use this table to list all agency developed forms, notices, and documents.

All new and/or amended forms, notices, or written documents that have not been previously approved must be submitted with this plan for DHS approval.

Ensure that all forms and documents previously approved by DHS are in compliance with current statute, memos, bulletins, and the CCAP Policy Manual.

Note: Refer to the DHS memo announcing this plan for a list of DHS created documents required for CCAP. Do not list or submit DHS created documents.

Name of Agency Developed Form	Form reflects current CCAP policy	Status of current form
Cover letter for registration packets	<input type="checkbox"/> Agency assures compliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DHS approved <input type="checkbox"/> Needs DHS approval AND <input type="checkbox"/> Form is submitted with plan
Absent Day Policy Letter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agency assures compliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DHS approved <input type="checkbox"/> Needs DHS approval AND <input type="checkbox"/> Form is submitted with plan
W-9 Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Agency assures compliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DHS approved <input type="checkbox"/> Needs DHS approval AND <input type="checkbox"/> Form is submitted with plan

Check the designated boxes below to assure compliance.

X. County and tribal assurances

A. The county or tribe is informing parents about the following as required under Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0035, subpart 1.

- The documentation necessary to confirm eligibility for CCAP
- Waiting list information
- Application procedures

County or tribe assures compliance

In addition, the agency uses the following:

"Parent Acknowledgement When Choosing a Legal Nonlicensed Provider" (DHS-5367) assures compliance with the following:

- ∑ Families rights and responsibilities when choosing a provider

"Do You Need Help Paying for Child Care?" (DHS-3551) assures compliance with the following:

- ∑ Federal and state child and dependent care tax credits
- ∑ Earned income credits
- ∑ Other services for families with young children
- ∑ Child Care Aware services
- ∑ Child Care Assistance Program eligibility requirements
- ∑ Family copayment fees and how computed
- ∑ Information about how to choose a provider
- ∑ Availability of special needs rates
- ∑ The family's responsibility for paying provider charges that exceed county maximum payments in addition to the family copayment fee; and
- ∑ The importance of prompt reporting of a move to another county to avoid overpayments and to increase the likelihood of continuing benefits.

County or tribe assures compliance and uses DHS-5367 and DHS-3551

B. The agency is distributing the following required information to registered legal nonlicensed providers:

Distribution requirements may be accomplished by giving the materials directly to the provider, or to the parent and establishing a method to ensure that the provider receives the material as required under Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0140, subpart 5.

Use of "Health and Safety Resource List for Parents and Legal Nonlicensed Providers" (DHS-5192A) assures compliance with the following:

- ∑ Child immunization requirements
- ∑ Child nutrition
- ∑ Child protection reporting responsibilities
- ∑ Health and safety information
- ∑ Child development information
- ∑ Referral to Child Care Aware; and
- ∑ Resources and training options to meet federal and/or state-required health and safety topics

County or tribe assures compliance by use of DHS-5192A

OR

County or tribe assures compliance by sending other materials that meet these requirements (Do not attach copies of these materials to this plan)

C. Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Tasks and Timeframes

The county or tribe must perform tasks and meet timeframes required to administer the Child Care Assistance Program. These tasks include, but are not limited to:

- ∑ Assessing CCAP eligibility
- ∑ Registering child care providers
- ∑ Processing payments

These tasks and timeframes are required under the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), 98.11(a)(3) Administration under Contracts and Agreements, Minnesota Statutes 119B, Minnesota Rules 3400, CCAP Policy Manual, and MEC² User Guide.

County or tribe assures compliance

D. Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Funding

DHS releases a forecast twice each fiscal year (November and February) which includes the overall budget for the Child Care Assistance Program, including all child care subprograms and administrative dollars. The county or tribe is reimbursed administrative dollars as outlined in Minnesota Statutes 119B.15. In addition to receiving the Basic Sliding Fee allocation, the county or tribe contributes a fixed local match equal to that county's/tribe's calendar year 1996 contribution, as outlined in Minnesota Statutes 119B.11, Subd. 1.

The county or tribe is provided a calendar year Basic Sliding Fee allocation, published at least annually and based on the formula outlined in Minnesota Statutes 119B.03, Subd. 6. When there is not sufficient funding to serve all eligible non-MFIP families, the county or tribe manages the Basic Sliding Fee waiting list according to the priorities outlined in Minnesota Statutes 119B.03, Subd. 4.

County or tribe assures compliance

E. Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Reporting

The county or tribe is required to submit timely reports to the Department of Human Services. The reports include, but are not limited to:

- ∑ Basic Sliding Fee waiting list
- ∑ Override monitoring
- ∑ Basic Sliding Fee adjustments

County or tribe assures compliance