

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

Commonwealth Grant Opportunity

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Grant Opportunity for the Community Child Care Fund – Special Circumstances – Transition Payments 2020

ADDENDA No. 3

A) Additional Viability Support Payment

A new payment was added targeting services operating in metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire in Victoria. The Additional Viability Support Payment provides eligible out of school hour services (OSHC), except vacation care only services, with an additional 15 per cent of Transition Payment. This means that eligible services will automatically receive 40 per cent of Transition Payment.

The period of the agreement for the Additional Viability Support Payment is:

- for services in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire—the period from 20 July 2020 to 27 September 2020, and
- for services in regional Victoria (excluding Mitchell Shire)—the period from 3 August 2020 to 27 September 2020. The amount of the Additional Viability Support Payment is 15 per cent of the average weekly fee charged during the reference fortnight (capped at the relevant CCS hourly rate cap), multiplied by eight (for OSHC services in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire) or six (for other OSHC services).

For a provider to be eligible for the Additional Viability Support Payment in respect of a service:

- the service must have been approved for CCS before 13 July 2020;
- the provider must be eligible to receive a Transition Payment in respect of the service for the week commencing 20 July 2020;
- the service must be an OSHC service other than an OSHC service providing only vacation care;
- the service must be located within Victoria;
- if the service is located in metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire, Victoria—the total number of hours of care provided to children who attended the service in the fortnight from 20 July 2020 to 2 August 2020 is 40 per cent or less than the total number of hours of care provided to children who attended the service in the service's reference fortnight; and
- if the service is located elsewhere in Victoria: – the total number of hours of care provided to children who attended the service in the fortnight from 10 August 2020 to 23 August

2020 is 40 per cent or less than the total number of hours of care provided to children who attended the service in the service's reference fortnight; and – the provider must have submitted by 7 September 2020 correct and accurate attendance reports for the service for the weeks commencing 10 August 2020 and 17 August 2020.

B) Increased Transition Payment

Providers of approved services in metropolitan Melbourne will receive a five per cent increase to their weekly Transition Payment. For these services, Transition Payments will increase from 25 to 30 per cent of the service's child care subsidy fee revenue or the existing hourly cap, whichever is lower, in the relevant reference period.

The five per cent increase will be applied to Transition Payments for each week in the period from 3 August 2020 to 13 September 2020.

The five per cent increase in the Transition Payment for eligible services does not alter conditions in the existing Transition Payment agreement entered into. See Schedule A of the Guidelines for detail on how Transition Payments (including those for approved services in metropolitan Melbourne) will be calculated.

C) Special Transition Payment

A new payment was added targeting services operating in metropolitan Melbourne. Providers of approved services in metropolitan Melbourne that meet the eligibility criteria will be offered a Special Transition Payment.

The period of the agreement for the Special Transition Payment is the period from 3 August 2020 and ending on 27 September 2020.

The amount of Special Transition Payment is equal to six weeks' worth of 10, 15 or 25 per cent of each eligible service's fee revenue (capped at the relevant CCS hourly rate for that service) in the relevant reference fortnight, determined by the combination of pre-COVID low average CCS and low attendance levels. The Special Transition Payment will be paid as a single lump sum that is equal to a total of six weeks for the period from 3 August 2020 to 13 September 2020. However, OSHC services in metropolitan Melbourne that meet the eligibility criteria for Additional Viability Support Payment (15 per cent of eligible service's fee revenue) can only receive an amount of Special Transition Payment that is up to 10 per cent of each eligible service's fee revenue (capped at the relevant CCS hourly rate for that service) in the relevant reference period.

For a provider to be eligible for a Special Transition Payment in respect of a service:

- the service must have been approved for CCS before 13 July 2020;
- the provider must be eligible to receive a Transition Payment in respect of the service for the week commencing 20 July 2020;
- the service must be located in metropolitan Melbourne, Victoria;
- the proportion of the service's fee revenue in the pre-COVID reference fortnight that is CCS revenue (i.e. CCS payments to the service on behalf of eligible individuals) is less than 50 per cent;
- the total number of hours of care provided to children who attended the service in the fortnight from 10 August 2020 to 23 August 2020 is less than 30 per cent of the total number of hours of care provided to children who attended the service in the service's reference fortnight; and

- the provider must have submitted by 7 September 2020 correct and accurate attendance reports for the service for the weeks commencing 10 August 2020 and 17 August 2020. For the purpose of working out the total number of hours of care provided to children who attended a service, only hours of care for children who actually attended the service are counted. An absence does not count towards these hours, even where that absence would attract child care subsidy. Where a child has only attended part of a session of care, only the hours that the child attended are counted, not the whole session.

End of Addenda