

# 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. 4

##### **A) Low Charged Hours Payment**

A new payment was added at section 2. *Grant amount and grant period of the Transition Payment Guidelines.*

5. Low Charged Hours Payment: a lump sum payment to eligible services in Victoria with significant falls in revenue due to low attendances combined with an inability to charge for allowable absences and/or reduction in enrolments. The amount of payment varies depending upon the extent to which charged hours have fallen and the extent to which the service is receiving other transition payments.

Providers of approved services in Victoria that meet the eligibility criteria set out in section 2.2.3 will be offered a Low Charged Hours Payment.

The Low Charged Hours Payment will be targeted to eligible services in Victoria with significant falls in revenue due to low attendances combined with inability to access allowable absences and/or reduction in enrolments. Providers will be sent an offer for one or more services with Child Care Subsidy system data that indicates the potential for low revenue as determined by charged hours in the fortnight from 10 August to 23 August 2020 that are 50 per cent or below that of the reference fortnight.

The payment will vary depending on the extent to which a service is receiving other transition payments and the extent to which charged hours have fallen.

##### **Eligibility criteria**

Eligibility for the Low Charged Hours Payment was added at 2.2.3.

For a provider to be eligible for a Low Charged Hours Payment in respect of a service:

- 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 within Victoria; and
- the average weekly amount of charged hours for the service in the fortnight from 10 August to 23 August 2020 must be 50 per cent or less than the average weekly amount of charged hours for the service in the reference fortnight.
  - *Note:* whether or not a service receives additional funding will depend on the extent to which its charged hours have fallen and the level of existing transition payments each service is eligible to receive.

For a provider to be eligible for an offer for a Low Charged Hours Payment:

- the provider must have one or more eligible services with Child Care Subsidy System data from sessions of care under section 204B of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act*, for the fortnight 10 August to 23 August 2020, with charged hours of 50 per cent or less than charged hours of the service's reference fortnight. Child Care Subsidy System data is extracted by the department as at 6 September 2020;
- to comply with the offer, the provider must have correct and accurate attendance reports submitted for each eligible service for the fortnight commencing 10 August 2020 to 23 August 2020 by the time the offer is accepted; and
- providers will be required to warrant that if sessions of care in the fortnight from 10 August to 23 August 2020 are **not** submitted it is solely due to nil attendance and nil allowable absences.

Calculations for the Low Charged Hours Payment have been included at 3A. Amount of Special Transition Payment in relation to significantly COVID-19 affected services in metropolitan Melbourne, under *Schedule A - Explanation and Calculation of Transition Payments, Special Transition Payments; Additional Viability Support Payments and Low Charged Hours Payments*.

## **B) Additional Viability Support Payment**

An additional period of eligibility was included at 2.2.2 Additional Viability Support Payment of the Transition Payment Guidelines, this will enable additional OSHC services qualify for the payment.

At, 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, the following is included:

*(or only for metropolitan Melbourne from 10 August 2020 to 23 August 2020).*

End of Addenda