State Child Care Assistance Policies: Michigan
December 2013

- **Income eligibility limit:** In 2013, a family of three in Michigan could qualify for child care assistance with an annual income up to $23,880 (122 percent of poverty, 39 percent of state median income).

- **Waiting list:** Michigan 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 Michigan paid $24 per month, or 1 percent of its income, in copayments.\(^1\)

- **Reimbursement rates:** In 2013, Michigan’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.

  - Michigan’s monthly reimbursement rate for center care for a four-year-old was $433, which was $541 (56 percent) below the 75th percentile of current market rates for this type of care.

  - Michigan’s monthly reimbursement rate for center care for a one-year-old was $650, which was $350 (35 percent) below the 75th percentile of current market rates for this type of care.

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

- **Eligibility for parents searching for a job:** In 2013, Michigan did not allow parents to receive child care assistance while searching for a job.


\(^1\) 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.