State Child Care Assistance Policies: New Hampshire

December 2013

• **Income eligibility limit:** In 2013, a family of three in New Hampshire could qualify for child care assistance with an annual income up to $47,725 (244 percent of poverty, 62 percent of state median income).¹

• **Waiting list:** New Hampshire 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 New Hampshire paid $130 per month, or 8 percent of its income, in copayments. A family of three with an income at 150 percent of poverty ($29,295 a year) receiving child care assistance paid $330 per month, or 13 percent of its income, in copayments.

• **Reimbursement rates:** In February 2013, New Hampshire'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.²

  • New Hampshire’s monthly reimbursement rate for center care for a four-year-old was $712, which was $110 (13 percent) below the 75th percentile of current market rates for this type of care.

  • New Hampshire’s monthly reimbursement rate for center care for a one-year-old was $853, which was $99 (10 percent) below the 75th percentile of current market rates for this type of care.

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

• **Eligibility for parents searching for a job:** In 2013, New Hampshire allowed parents to qualify for or continue receiving child care assistance for up to 40 days while searching for a job.³


¹ As of July 2013, the income limit was increased to $48,825 (250 percent of poverty) to adjust for the 2013 federal poverty level.
² As of July 2013, the state updated its reimbursement rates from the 50th percentile of 2009 market rates to the 50th percentile of 2011 market rates.
³ Parents can receive child care assistance while searching for a job for part time (up to 30 hours per week) for up to 40 days in a 6-month period.