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## Dear Parent/Applicant:

As a family participating in New Jersey's Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DHS/DFD) Child Care Subsidy Program, we are pleased to inform you that as of May 1, 2021 your share of the cost of child care, known as your copayment or copay, will be reduced.

Your copay amount is determined by family size, gross annual income and the number of children in care. Copays are paid by you directly to your child care provider.

From May 1, 2021 to the end of your current Parent/Applicant Provider Agreement (PAPA), you will be responsible for paying this new lower copay amount directly to your provider. Although this reduction is effective in May 2021, no changes will be made to your PAPA until redetermination.

Quality, affordable child care is essential for working families. With this reduction in copay, our goal is to support you by making child care more affordable.

The Urban League of Hudson County, your Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency, will notify your provider of these changes to your copay.

Please note – child care providers charge different amounts for care. To help families cover the cost of care, the state pays a portion of the cost, called a subsidy. The subsidy is paid directly to the provider on your behalf. However, if the child care provider charges more than what the state covers, you are responsible for paying the difference. This difference is a cost you must cover in addition to your copay.

If you have questions, you may contact The Urban League at 201-451-8888...