Unregulated Providers include:

Relative Provider: must be an aunt/uncle, grandparent or great-grandparent and can reside in the child’s home. A sibling of the child may also provide care but must maintain a separate residence.

In-Home Provider: provides care in the family’s home and cares only for the children of that family.

Informal Care Provider: a family friend or neighbor who provides care only for the children of one family including the provider’s own children.

Unregulated Provider Reimbursement Rate: $1.90 per hour for all ages, all counties

If you are interested in receiving a higher reimbursement rate, consider becoming a registered family child care provider. A Child Care Services Licensing Specialist can speak with you about the benefits of becoming a registered provider. To view Licensing Information and/or locate a Licensing Specialist, visit: dss.sd.gov/childcare/licensing

Among the benefits of becoming a registered provider include higher maximum reimbursement rates with the Child Care Assistance Subsidy program. To view Subsidy Reimbursement Rates, visit: dss.sd.gov/childcare/childcareassistance. Regulated child care providers are also eligible to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Requesting Payment for Child Care: The Child Care Provider Reimbursement Guide contains complete instructions for receiving reimbursement from Child Care Services. To view the Reimbursement Guide, visit: dss.sd.gov/childcare/childcareassistance

Training Opportunities and Support: Early Childhood Enrichment (ECE) programs provide ongoing training, education and technical assistance to adults who are involved in the day-to-day care of children and youth. ECE programs located in Aberdeen, Brookings, Pierre, Rapid City and Sioux Falls provide trainings statewide. To view ECE Regional Training Calendars and ECE contact information, visit: dss.sd.gov/childcare/educationalopportunities

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