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Home Grown's Statement on the Final Rule: Improving Child Care Access, Affordability, and Stability in the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

Home Grown, a national collaborative of funders committed to improving the quality of and access to home-based child care, appreciates the work of the Biden-Harris administration to revise the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) in support of greater access to high-quality child care for children and families participating in CCDF and to improve public payment systems to secure the economic well-being of the early learning workforce. Child care is crucial to the economy. For working families to do their best on the job, they need to know that their child is in a safe, loving, quality setting.

Nearly [6.4 million children ages 0-5 receive care in a home-based child care setting](#), which includes licensed family child care and licensed-exempt family, friend and neighbor care. For many families, home-based child care is a **first choice**. Home-based child care is particularly critical for children whose families need full-day, full-year care and for families who work [nontraditional hours](#). Family child care providers also [serve high percentages of families from marginalized communities of color](#) (including Black, Latinx, immigrant, and Indigenous), families of children with special needs, families experiencing poverty, as well as families living in rural communities.

We are glad the administration is taking action through the final CCDF rule to reduce out-of-pocket costs for families, capping co-payments at 7%; to reduce access burdens via presumptive eligibility; and to simplify subsidy applications for families. We are also heartened to see the addition of prospective payment, enrollment-based payment via contracts, subsidy rates informed by cost analysis, and governance that includes the voices of providers and families included in the final rule.

We stand ready to support implementation of those solutions.

We thank President Biden for continuing to prioritize child care and engaging in this way. We hope this can inspire members of Congress and others to act boldly, prioritize this issue, and push for transformational investments nationwide to reach more children and families in need of care.