

References to COVID-19 in the FY 2022–2024 CCDF Preprint



The following table shows references to language and questions from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022–2024 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan Preprint that focus on the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Topic	Location in Preprint	Preprint Excerpt
	Introduction and How to Approach Plan Development	“ACF acknowledges that in the FY 2022-2024 Plan, states and territories may still be operating under approved waivers related to the COVID-19 pandemic and where appropriate plan responses should reflect the approved waivers.”
Newly formed public private partnerships	1.6.1	“Identify and describe any public-private partnerships encouraged by the Lead Agency to leverage public and private resources to further the goals of the CCDBG Act. Include in the response, any public-private partnerships that have emerged from the response to the COVID-19 pandemic (98.16(d)(2)) and if applicable, how those partnerships will be continued post-pandemic.”
Disaster preparedness and response	1.8: Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan	“In past disasters, and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the provision of emergency child care services and rebuilding and restoring of child care infrastructure has emerged as an essential service.”
Disaster preparedness and response plan	1.8.1	“Did you make any updates to the Statewide Disaster Plan since the FY 2019-2021 CCDF Plan was submitted? Please consider any changes that were made as a result of the Lead Agency’s experiences in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.”
Temporary change definition	3.4.1 c	“Provide any other elements included in the state’s definition of ‘temporary change,’ including those implemented during the pandemic, and provide the citation.”
Waiver requests for market rate survey (MRS) and narrow cost analysis	4.2: Assess Market Rates and Analyze the Cost of Child Care	“Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lead Agencies may request a waiver for up to one additional year (until July 1, 2022) to complete the required MRS or an ACF pre-approved alternative methodology. Lead Agencies may also request the required Narrow Cost Analysis be waived for one year (until July 1, 2022). These waiver requests must include a justification linked to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

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Market rate survey and/or alternative methodology	4.2.3 b	<p>“Given the impact of COVID-19 on the child care market, do you think that the prices you gathered (as indicated in 4.2.1) on the prices or costs of child care adequately reflect the child care market as you submit this plan?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If yes, why do you think the data represents the child care market?”</p>
Adequate payment rates	4.3.4 b	<p>“Describe the process used for setting rates including how the Lead Agency factors in the cost of care, including any increased costs and provider fees because of COVID-19, and how such costs may be modified after the pandemic subsidies.”</p>
Adequate payment rates	4.3.6	<p>“Identify and describe any additional facts that the Lead Agency considered in determining its payment rates ensure equal access. If applicable, provide a description of how any additional health and safety costs, because of the COVID-19 pandemic are included in rate setting.”</p>
Payment practices: Fees	4.4: Implement Generally Accepted Payment Practices and Ensure Timeliness of Payments	<p>“Lead Agencies are required to use CCDF payment practices that reflect generally accepted payment practices of child care providers who serve children who do not receive CCDF-funded assistance. Unless a Lead Agency is able to demonstrate that the following policies are not generally accepted in its particular state, territory, or service area or among particular categories or types of providers, Lead Agencies must (1) pay providers based on established part-time or full-time rates rather than paying for hours of service or smaller increments of time and (2) pay for reasonable, mandatory registration fees that the provider charges to private-paying parents (658E(c)(2)(S); 98.45(l)(3)). Responses may also identify any additional health and safety fees providers are charging as a result of COVID-19.”</p>
Payment practices	4.4.1 d	<p>“The Lead Agency ensures that providers are paid in accordance with a written payment agreement or an authorization for services that includes, at a minimum, information regarding provider payment policies, including rates, schedules, any fees charged to providers, including fees related to COVID 19, and the dispute-resolution process.”</p>
Waivers	Appendix A	<p>“These waivers will be considered ‘extraordinary circumstance waivers’ to provide relief from the timeline for completing the MRS or ACF pre-approved alternative methodology and the narrow cost analysis during the COVID-19 pandemic. These waivers are limited to a one-year period.”</p>