



Child Care Assistance Program

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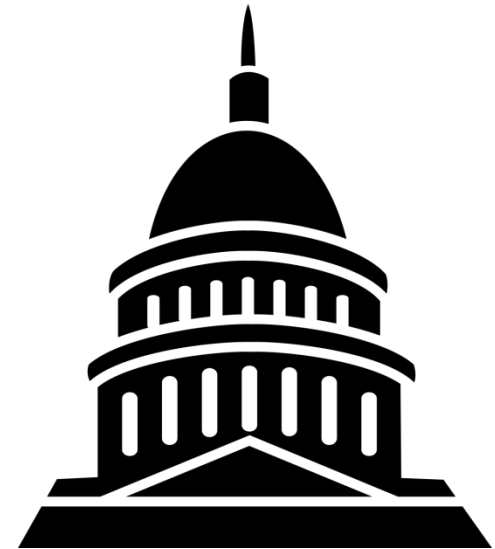
Child Care Assistance (CCA) Appropriation

- Supports low income families with working parents, parents gaining work skills, or parents going to school
- Supports the regulation of child care providers
- Supports quality improvement activities for child care providers

SFY'16 State and Federal Investments

\$30.8 million

\$70.8 million



Supports to Low Income Families in SFY'16

- An average of 21,111 children served monthly
- An average of 13,032 families served monthly
- 4,677 child care providers received CCA payments

Reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant

- S. 1086 - Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 enacted 11/19/14 and addresses three components of the child care program
 - Training and quality improvement efforts
 - Regulation and monitoring
 - Eligibility and payment

Reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant

- Iowa's CCDF State Plan (FFY16-18) received conditional approval on June 13, 2016.
- Iowa is on a corrective action plan for health and safety training requirements and are permitted until September 30, 2017 to have all required persons trained in the content areas. The conditional approval is also with the assumed expectation that all other implementation plans will be completed by assigned timeframes.

Regulation and Monitoring Training and Quality Improvement

- Changes that were effective 10/1/16
 - Conduct onsite, pre-license/registration monitoring
 - Conduct an annual visit of all providers receiving funding under CCA as well as all registered and licensed programs
 - Pre-service/orientation training requirements for all licensed and registered child care providers and those serving families eligible for CCA
 - Post both monitoring and complaint reports on the website

Eligibility and Payment in Iowa

- Effective July 1, 2016:
 - Moved from a 6 month eligibility for CCA families to 12 months of eligibility
 - Developed CCA Plus, an exit eligibility program, to provide CCA to families who have income over 145% of the FPL but under 85% of the State Median Income (SMI)
 - Allow for 3 month temporary lapse in need for service for job search, medical needs, income changes, etc.
 - Quality Rating System (QRS) Level 5 Reimbursement Rate set at 75th percentile of 2014 Market Rate Survey

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Grant

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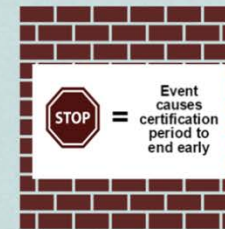
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CCA Program Before July 1, 2016



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CCA Program Beginning July 1, 2016 (Implementation of the Federal CCDBG Act)



At the Review, if household income exceeds 145% FPL and under 85% SMI and parent(s) meets work/school requirements, family receives a 12-month "exit" certification period, "CCA Plus"

Event A = Job loss, drop out of school (temporary lapse)

Event B = Income exceeds 145% FPL and under 85% of SMI



Event A: Family continues to be eligible for up to 3 months
Event B: Family continues to the end of certification period



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CCA Plus Program

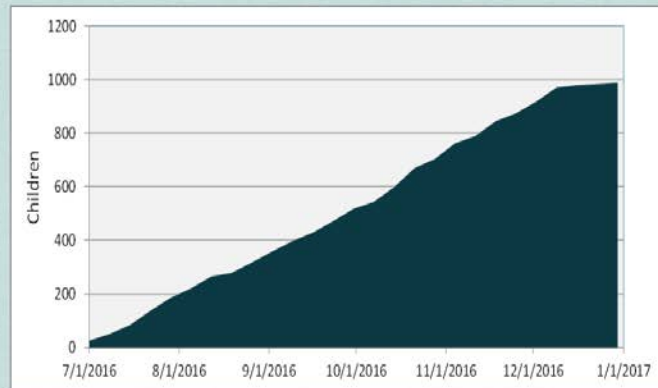
<p>12-Month Certification Period</p> <p>750 Children</p>  <p>Added to the monthly CCA caseload</p>	<p>Temporary Lapses</p> <p>Since July 1st, approximately</p> <p>225 Families</p> <p>utilized the temporary lapse provision</p>	<p>QRS Level 5 Providers Rates</p> <p>670 Children</p> <p>being served in</p> <p>47 Facilities</p>
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CCA Plus Program

An average of

160 Children

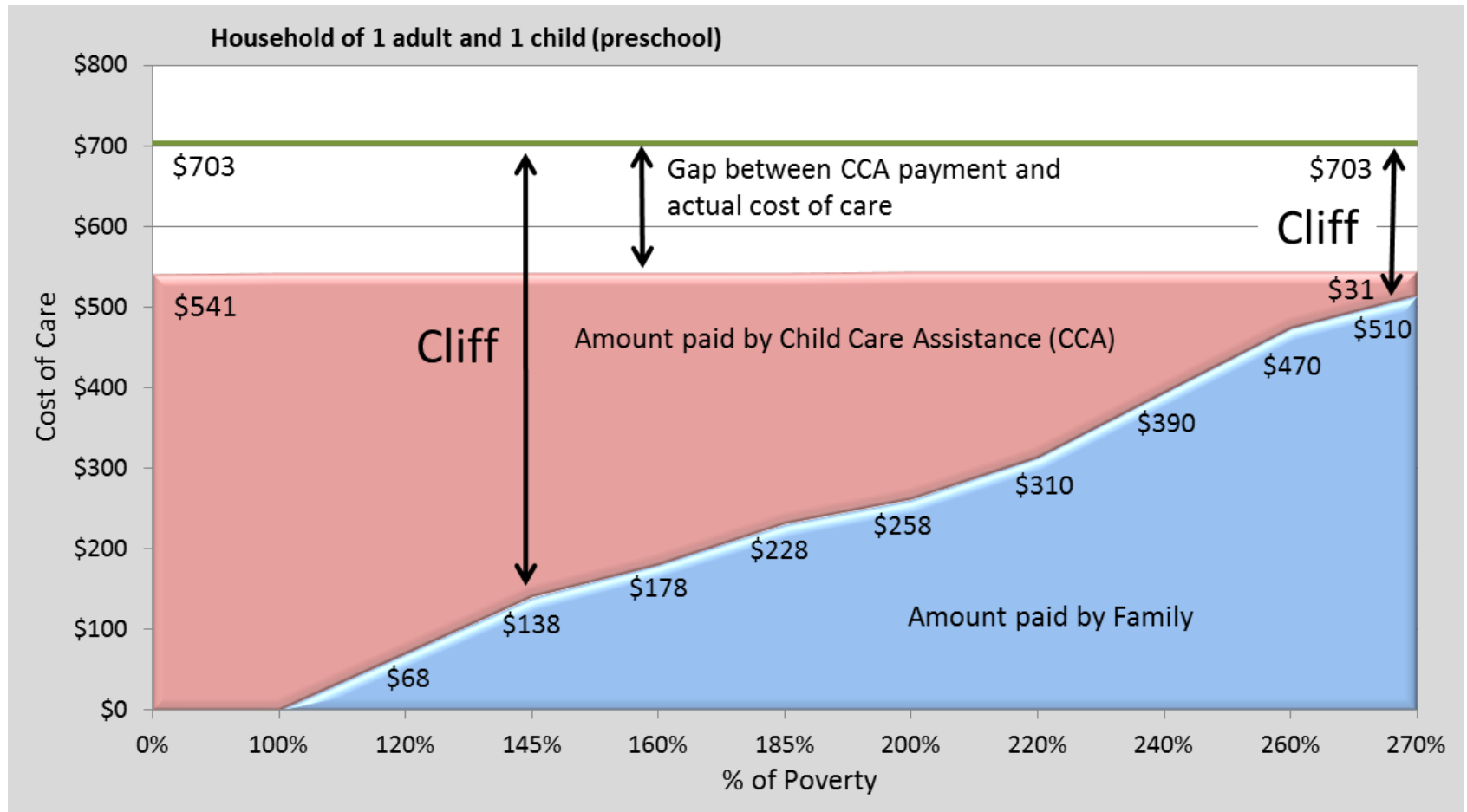
have been added each month to the CCA Plus Program since July 1st



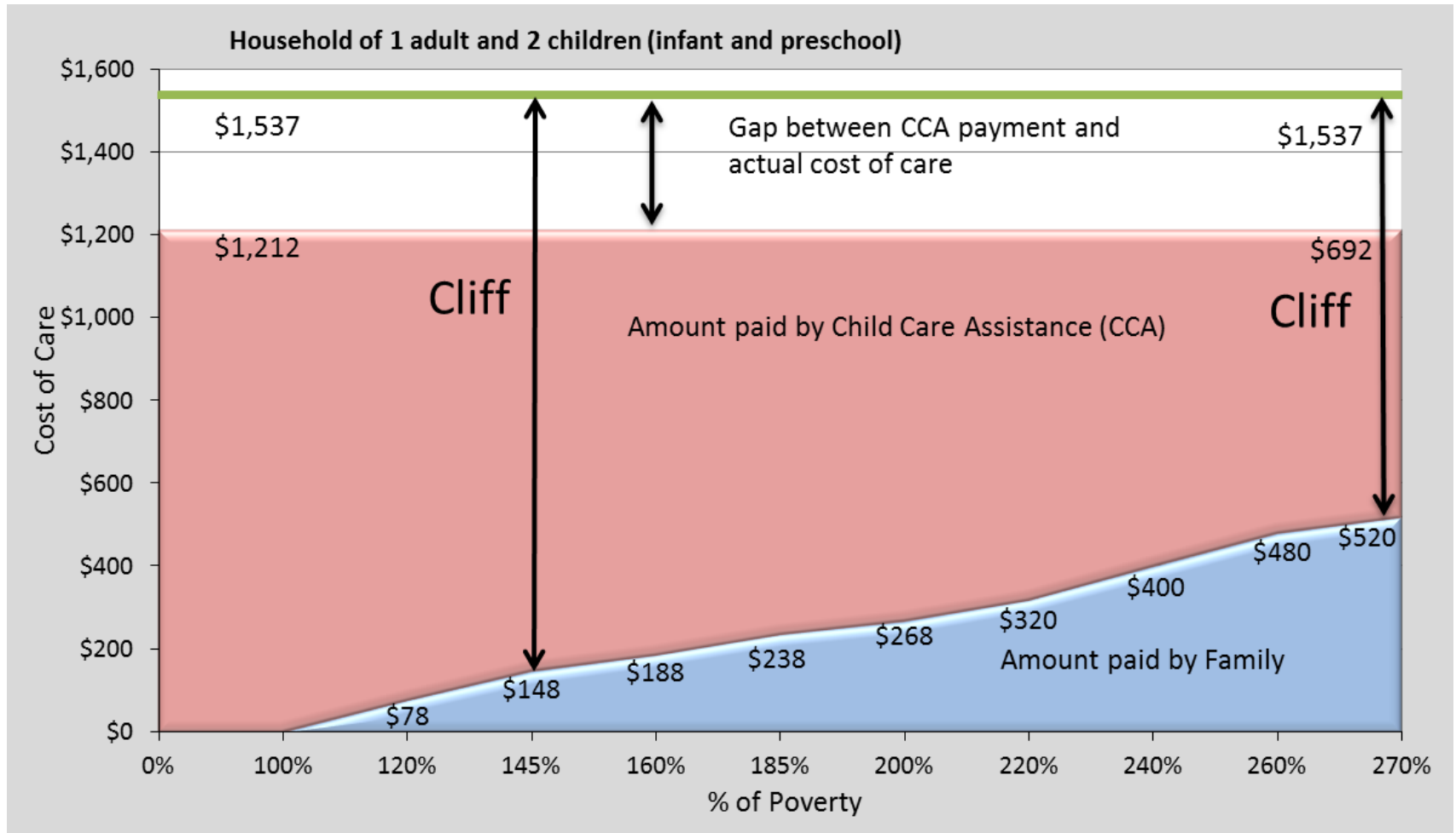
165%

The average Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for families on the CCA Plus Program based on household size

Cliff Effect and Co-Pay Structure



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Future Implementation Needs

- Iowa continues conversations with State and Federal partners to implement additional national criminal background checks, which are to be implemented by 9/30/17
- Iowa intends to seek a waiver to permit an additional year to come into compliance
- Iowa must require child care providers to report serious injuries and data must be collected and publically reported on our website

What's Next on the Federal Level

- On 9/30/16, States received Final Rules adopted by the Administration for Children and Families
- The Final Rule further clarifies intent of the legislation and also has additional requirements for States to be in full compliance.
- DHS is currently analyzing final rules and engaged in stakeholder conversations at the State and Federal level to further implement requirements.
- All requirements of the Final Rule must be fully implemented by our next CCDF State Plan FY2019-2022.

Questions

