

**Sec. 17b-749-17. Payment adjustments**

**(a) Child's Attendance**

(1) Occasional absences from care shall not affect the amount of the payment unless the provider charges less due to the reduced hours. Providers shall, however, report the number of days the child attended care and any reduction in charges due to absence. Providers shall charge parents in accordance with the provider's customary attendance policy for children who do not receive CCAP assistance.

(2) Parents may be required to document the reason the child did not attend care if the child is frequently absent for twenty-five percent or more of the scheduled days. Continued absences equal to or exceeding the twenty-five percent threshold may cause the approved hours of care to be recalculated based on the child's utilization pattern if the absences continue for two or more months. The approved hours shall be readjusted if the condition that caused the recurring absences changes.

**(b) Liens, Overpayment Recoupments and Child Support Wage Executions**

The CCAP administrator shall reduce payments as necessary to fulfill legal responsibilities related to properly filed liens, overpayment recoupments and child support wage executions. Overpayments shall be recouped in accordance with the requirements of section 17b-749-20 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

**(c) Discretion to Withhold for Employment Related Obligations**

(1) Parents shall be informed that there may be state and federal requirements to withhold employment related obligations from wages paid by parents to in-home child care providers to the extent the provider is not considered to be self-employed or a self-contractor, and is considered to be the employee of the parent.

(2) The CCAP administrator may, if requested by commissioner, deduct amounts for employment related obligations from benefit payments for in-home child care services if parent of the child for whom the benefit is paid is determined to be the employer of the provider. Any amounts withheld shall be properly deposited with the appropriate federal or state agency. Parents and providers shall receive notice of all deductions made in accordance with this subdivision.

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