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Proposed Regulation	Question or Comment	Response	Agency Decision After Review of Comments
7 AAC 41	Good Morning Nicole,	Hello Heather,	No changes at this time.
	My concern with the updated rate schedule is that there is no longer a rate for an unlicensed home, or relative care provider. I was just informed that with the revocation by OCS of an approved provider in Soldotna, OCS was looking for child care slots in unlicensed homes, or looking to approve relative providers. Is there a separate rate being published for these providers? How will assistance work for those providers?	Thank you for emailing in regards to the Notice of Proposed Actions to 7 AAC 41 Child Care Assistance Program. At this time the Child Care Program Office (CCPO) is only proposing a change in rates for licensed providers. The CCPO has not proposed a change for current rates for Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Approved In-home or Approved Relative providers in this regulation package, so the rates that are currently in place for those provider types will remain the same. The CCPO does not currently pay child care assistance payments to any providers who are not licensed or approved by the state. During the public comment period all comments received and collected and are part of public record. I have sent your additional questions about assistance to our subsidy manager, Ambra Mavis, in case there is anything additional she can address for you.	
	We mirror a lot of what the state has in place, and we have those types of providers approved through our program. If we need to find a new way to determine our rates for care that would be great to know now. Hello Nicole –	Hello,	No changes at this time.
	I do not see Relative Care or In- home child care rate increases in the	Thank you for emailing in regards to the Notice of Proposed Actions to 7 AAC 41 Child Care Assistance	no changes at this time.

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proposed rate schedule. Will a new one be published before the public hearing? If there is a separaterate sheet for Relative or Licensed- Exempt providers, will you please reply and attach it to this email?	At this time the Child Care Program Office (CCPO) is only proposing a change in rates for licensed home, group home, and center providers. The CCPO has not proposed a change for current rates for Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Approved In-home or Approved Relative providers in this regulation package, so the rates that are currently in place for those provider types will remain the same. You can find the CCAP Approved In-home or Approved Relative rate schedule on our website: https://dhss.alaska.gov/health/dpa/Documents/dpa/programs/ccare/Documents/Files/CC-Rate-Schedule-	
Thank you	20190301.pdf If you have any other comments or questions related to the current proposed regulation changes for 7 AAC 41 please to let me know.	

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