



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 236
[2017 Assembly Bill 924]

**Child Care Reimbursement
in Wisconsin Shares**

2017 Wisconsin Act 236 allocates an additional \$8,000,000 of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) federal block grant funding in fiscal year 2018-19 for the purpose of increasing the child care payment rates for child care services under the Wisconsin Shares program. The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is required to expend \$7,250,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to increase the child care payment rates for child care services under the Wisconsin Shares program, and the additional funds must be distributed as a uniform percentage increase for child care rates in every county.

The Act also increases the bonuses that DCF may offer to four- and five-star rated child care providers. For a child care provider who receives a four-star rating, DCF was previously authorized to increase the maximum payment rate by up to 10%. The Act allows DCF to increase the rate by up to 15%. For a child care provider who receives a five-star rating, DCF was previously authorized to increase the maximum payment rate by up to 25%. The Act allows DCF to increase the rate by up to 30%.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.