

Fair Start for Kids Account (FSKA)

newly created, appropriated account

Transfer to the Early Learning Health Care Expansion Account

\$10M of revenue from FSKA transferred biennially

- ◆ Money may only be used for the purposes of increasing the number of family day care providers who receive health care benefits. (sec 205)

Transfer to the Early Learning Facilities Revolving Account

5% of revenue from FSKA transferred quarterly

- ◆ Early Learning Facilities (ELF) infrastructure grants for municipalities of \$1 million.
- ◆ Increases the maximum ELF grants/loans for facilities from \$800,000 to \$1 million. (sec. 208)

Remaining revenue from FSKA

Remaining revenue after transfers are completed

Child Care Access and Affordability

55% of revenue from FSKA

- ◆ 8/1/20: removes the single parent requirement from the no work requirements to receive WCCC benefits if applicant is a full-time CTC or vocational education student. (sec. 301)
- ◆ 7/1/2022: HH at or below 85% SMI are eligible for WCCC for non-school age children. (sec. 303)
- ◆ Monthly HH copayments by SMI (sec. 303):
 - 0-36%: \$0
 - 36-50%: \$15
 - 50-65%: \$150
 - 65-85%: no greater than 15% of countable income
- ◆ 7/1/26: increase ECEAP entitlement for HH who have incomes up to 36% SMI, are homeless, or who participated in EHS, ESIT, or E-ECEAP. Allow enrollment for 36-55% SMI HH with at least one risk factor. Maintain ECEAP eligibility until kindergarten. (sec. 305)

Child Care Supply and Early Learning Workforce

35% of revenue from FSKA

- ◆ Rates:
 - Increase childcare subsidy rates for LFHs and centers to at least the 75th percentile of the private market rate at a level 2 until 12/31/24. DCYF must use childcare cost model after. (sec. 308)
 - Increase ECEAP rates by 10% for SY22-23. (sec. 309)
 - 7/1/22: per-classroom complex needs subsidy rate enhancement (sec. 310), and a dual language rate enhancement for non-school age WCCC and ECEAP providers. (sec. 312)
- ◆ Shared services hubs across the state (sec. 316), and mental health consultation services to providers through the hubs. (sec. 314)
- ◆ Grants:
 - Early Learning Facilities Grant and Loan Program start-up grants. (sec. 207)
 - Early childhood equity grants (sec. 311)
 - Provider training grants to augment existing EA scholarships. (sec. 315)
- ◆ Remote or in-person technical assistance to employers interested in supporting their employees' access to childcare. (sec. 313)

Support for children from prenatal to age 3 and their caregivers

10% of revenue from FSKA

- ◆ Prenatal to 3 family engagement strategy to support expectant parents, babies, toddlers, and caregivers. (sec. 318)
- ◆ Infant-toddler rate enhancement for providers accepting subsidy, in good standing with EA, and caring for a 0-3-year-old. (sec. 319)
- ◆ Trauma and complex needs programs, such as ECLIPSE and other early intervention services for children who are aged 0-5, referred due to high risk or exposure to trauma, and enrolled in Apple Health for Kids. (sec. 320)