

Department of Children and Youth Memo 25-044

TO: All Early Care & Education Providers
FROM: Kara Wente, Director
DATE: June 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Provider Payment Processing

The Ohio Department of Children and Youth remains committed to processing provider payments as efficiently as possible, recognizing their importance in supporting your operations. Since provider payments include Federal funding, additional review steps have been introduced as part of the Federal Defend the Spend initiative. As a result, processing times may vary from previous timelines.

DCY is working to maintain the payment schedule of 10 calendar days which thus far has been met. However, we recognize payments are still being received later than previously received. If a delay beyond the 10 calendar days is expected, we will provide updates through system posts and email notifications. Below is the expected timeline for payments with the new requirements.

Example Payment Schedule

SUN (DAY 0)	Child Care Attendance is submitted from KinderConnect and payment is calculated TAP Status: Waiting	SUN (DAY 7)	
MON (DAY 1)	DCY Fiscal sends reports to Treasurer of State and DCY Fiscal requests the funding from the federal government TAP Status: Waiting	MON (DAY 8)	TAP status changes from "Waiting" to "Issued" in KinderConnect TAP Status: Issued
TUES (DAY 2)	DCY Fiscal initiates the final approval to the Office of Budget Management TAP Status: Waiting	TUES (DAY 9)	Banks process and deposit funds according to their individual timelines
WED (DAY 3)	TAP Status: Waiting	WED (DAY 10)	
THUR (DAY 4)	TAP Status: Waiting	THUR (DAY 11)	
FRI (DAY 5)	Office of Budget Management processes all payment vouchers and sends a confirmation back to DCY TAP Status: Waiting	FRI (DAY 12)	
SAT (DAY 6)			

Federal Approval Takes 3 Days

We appreciate your understanding as we adapt to new payment processing steps. Your ongoing dedication to serving Ohio's children is invaluable, and DCY remains committed to **DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR KIDS.**