



Examples of Daily Quality Enhancement Calculations for Providers **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2025 ONLY**

Example #1: An infant receiving full-time care at a Better Beginnings Level 3 Child Care Center in Craighead County; family income is 50% SMI:

SRA Assigned Daily Rate	\$36.00
SRA Assigned Copay (Charged by Provider to Family)	\$7.20
Adjusted SRA Daily Rate Paid to Provider	\$28.80
Previous Better Beginnings Daily Rate	\$56.00
Daily Quality Enhancement Payment (Previous Better Beginnings Rate – SRA Assigned Daily Rate)	\$20.00
TOTAL DAILY AMOUNT PAID TO PROVIDER (Adjusted SRA Daily Rate + Daily Quality Enhancement Payment)	\$48.80

Example #2: A toddler receiving full-time care at a Better Beginnings Level 5 Child Care Center in Washington County; family income is 65% SMI:

SRA Assigned Daily Rate	\$41.00
SRA Assigned Copay (Charged by Provider to Family)	\$12.30
Adjusted SRA Daily Rate Paid to Provider	\$28.70
Previous Better Beginnings Daily Rate	\$60.00
Daily Quality Enhancement Payment (Previous Better Beginnings Rate – SRA Assigned Daily Rate)	\$19.00
TOTAL DAILY AMOUNT PAID TO PROVIDER (Adjusted SRA Daily Rate + Daily Quality Enhancement Payment)	\$47.70



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Example #3: A preschooler with special needs (SN2) designation receiving full-time care at a Better Beginnings Level 4 Child Care Center in Faulkner County; family income is 39% SMI:

SRA Assigned Daily Rate	\$46.20
SRA Assigned Copay (Charged by Provider to Family)	\$0.00
Adjusted SRA Daily Rate Paid to Provider	\$46.20
Previous Better Beginnings Daily Rate	\$65.00
Daily Quality Enhancement Payment (Previous Better Beginnings Rate – SRA Assigned Daily Rate)	\$18.80
TOTAL DAILY AMOUNT PAID TO PROVIDER (Adjusted SRA Daily Rate + Daily Quality Enhancement Payment)	\$65.00

Example #4: A school-aged child receiving part-time care at a Better Beginnings Level 2 Child Care Center in Drew County; family income is 43% SMI:

SRA Assigned Daily Rate	\$15.50
SRA Assigned Copay (Charged by Provider to Family)	\$7.75
Adjusted SRA Daily Rate Paid to Provider	\$7.75
Previous Better Beginnings Daily Rate	\$20.50
Daily Quality Enhancement Payment (Previous Better Beginnings Rate – SRA Assigned Daily Rate)	\$5.00
TOTAL DAILY AMOUNT PAID TO PROVIDER (Adjusted SRA Daily Rate + Daily Quality Enhancement Payment)	\$12.75



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Example #5: An infant receiving weekend care at a Better Beginnings Level 6 Child Care Center in Garland County; family income is 80% SMI:

SRA Assigned Daily Rate	\$39.60
SRA Assigned Copay (Charged by Provider to Family)	\$11.88
Adjusted SRA Daily Rate Paid to Provider	\$27.72
Previous Better Beginnings Daily Rate	\$80.00
Daily Quality Enhancement Payment (Previous Better Beginnings Rate – SRA Assigned Daily Rate)	\$40.40
TOTAL DAILY AMOUNT PAID TO PROVIDER (Adjusted SRA Daily Rate + Daily Quality Enhancement Payment)	\$68.12

Example #6: A toddler receiving full-time care at a Better Beginnings Level 2 Child Care Center in Benton County; child is in foster care:

SRA Assigned Daily Rate	\$41.00
SRA Assigned Copay (Charged by Provider to Family)	\$0.00
Adjusted SRA Daily Rate Paid to Provider	\$41.00
Previous Better Beginnings Daily Rate	\$44.00
Daily Quality Enhancement Payment (Previous Better Beginnings Rate – SRA Assigned Daily Rate)	\$3.00
TOTAL DAILY AMOUNT PAID TO PROVIDER (Adjusted SRA Daily Rate + Daily Quality Enhancement Payment)	\$44.00

[SRA October 2025 Quality Enhancement Payment Calculators for Providers](#)

The Office of Early Childhood has provided a calculator to help providers determine Quality Enhancement Payments for any child under their care. Click on the link above to make a copy of the calculator for your own personal use.