



FAMILY LETTER (FOR ALL SRA FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR COPAYS)

Subject: Reminder About School Readiness Assistance Copayments Beginning October 1

Dear School Readiness Assistance Families,

This is a friendly reminder about the upcoming changes to School Readiness Assistance (SRA) copayments, which will take effect **October 1, 2025**.

The new copayments are based on a sliding scale structure tied to family income and other qualifying factors, so that families with the greatest need are prioritized. Families who are working or in school and are **at or below the federal poverty level** will **not pay a copayment** for children before kindergarten. Families who are working or in school and are **above the poverty level** will **pay a copayment** that adjusts according to income.

Please note that these updates do not change eligibility requirements. As long as your family continues to meet the program's criteria, you will be reauthorized for benefits under the updated rates.

If you have questions, we encourage you to:

- Contact your child care service provider about how the new copayment structure may affect your family.
- To access the SRA Family Rate Calculator and Instructional video, please go to our website:
<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/office-of-early-childhood/school-readiness-assistance-program>.
- Contact the Office of Early Childhood at 501-682-8947, if you need additional assistance.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting Arkansas children and families.

Sincerely yours,

The Office of Early Childhood