

Presumptive Eligibility Policy in Wyoming

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Presumptive eligibility for child care subsidies through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is a policy that allows families to receive temporary child care assistance while their eligibility for the program is being determined. This means that families can get almost immediate financial assistance to pay for child care services, even as their application is being processed and verified. During this provisional period, families are allowed time to submit outstanding documents while getting access to much-needed care. Families must complete the application process to receive ongoing subsidies. Presumptive eligibility policies vary by state or jurisdiction. Currently, only four states and one county have a presumptive eligibility policy in place, so most states have a tremendous opportunity to expedite access to care for families by implementing this policy. See below to learn more about presumptive eligibility in Wyoming.

<p>How do families apply for assistance through presumptive eligibility?</p>	<p>Families apply for presumptive eligibility with the standard application. Parents/caregivers self-certify their eligibility by signing a “statement.” Child care eligibility workers have 7 days to respond with an interview, which is generally conducted over the phone but can happen in person if the family requests. During this interview, the state verifies information such as eligible activity, employer, and work hours.</p>
<p>How long are families granted presumptive eligibility?</p>	<p>Presumptive eligibility is granted for 30 days.</p>
<p>How long are families given to submit an application and required documentation?</p>	<p>Families have 30 days to submit the paperwork for determining their eligibility.</p>
<p>Are families required to have a child care provider selected to apply for presumptive eligibility?</p>	<p>Yes, families must have a child care provider. Presumptive eligibility is only available for families who are using licensed care providers.</p>
<p>How does the state determine the level of support?</p>	<p>The level of assistance/support during presumptive eligibility is based on the statement of the parent/caregiver on the initial application.</p>
<p>What happens if families do not complete the verification process?</p>	<p>If families do not complete the verification process, child care assistance will end on the 31st day. Families and providers are also notified of eligibility determination, and the case is closed.</p>
<p>How are families and providers notified about the status of presumptive eligibility?</p>	<p>Families and providers are notified of eligibility determination in writing.</p>