

Rating Support for Providers During the Pandemic



The COVID-19 pandemic has hit child care providers particularly hard. To support providers in focusing on day-to-day operations, keeping children in care safely, and supporting families and the community, the Michigan Department of Education-Office of Great Start is providing three phases of support for providers participating in Great Start to Quality. This includes rating extensions, rating restorations, and supplemental subsidy payments.

2020 Rating Extensions

Programs expiring within a certain time frame had their ratings extended with each Executive Order (15 weeks total) which ended on June 29, 2020.

| | Supports Available | What Does It Mean? | What Do I Have To Do? | What's Next? |
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| Programs with a current rating as of April 30, 2021 | Eligible for a 1 year rating extension | Effective immediately, all current ratings will be extended by 1 year from the prior expiration date. That means you have extra time to prepare and submit information to earn a new rating. | Nothing! Expiration dates will be extended in STARS. | We're ready to help! You can earn a new rating at any time. If you submit now, we're offering extra flexibility for the professional development and qualification indicators in response to current hiring changes. |
| | Prior rating will be restored and eligible for a 1 year extension | Programs will have their rating restored to the prior rating and extended for 1 year from the prior expiration date. | Nothing! Your rating will be restored in STARS. | The State will issue you a supplemental subsidy payment if you billed for care. |
| | Eligible for a 1 year rating extension | Programs will have their former rating restored in most cases.** | Nothing! Your rating will be restored in STARS. | The State will issue you a supplemental subsidy payment if you billed for care. |
| Ongoing Supports | Supports for successful engagement with MiRegistry, continued supports for quality improvement, and submission of SAS as desired will continue to be provided by local Great Start to Quality Resource Centers. | | | |

FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT
www.greatstarttoquality.org/2021-extensions-and-rating-supports

REACH OUT WITH QUESTIONS
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*In the time period between June 29, 2020 and April 30, 2021

** Programs that currently have the same or a higher rating than before the pandemic, will receive supplemental subsidy payments, but will not see their interim rating restored in the STARS platform.