

**The Oregon Department of Human Services Child Care Program
Special Needs Rate and High Need Rate:**

How are they different?

1. How much is the rate?

Special Needs rate	High Need rate
<p>The DHS <i>Special Needs Rate</i> is a fixed amount for all children in a specific geographic area and type of care. For example, in some areas the special needs rate for all children in registered family child care is \$2.50 per hour or \$455 for a monthly rate.</p> <p>The DHS Parent and Provider Guides list the specific amounts for each area and type of care.</p>	<p>The <i>High Need Rate</i> is different for each child. The ICCP assessment is used to determine the amount.</p> <p>The <i>High Need Rate</i> is added to Special Needs Rate. The total provider payment is the Special Needs Rate + the High Need Rate.</p>

2. Who authorizes the rate?

Special Needs rate	High Need rate
<p>A family's DHS caseworker can authorize the <i>Special Needs Rate</i>.</p>	<p>Someone in the DHS Central Office must approve <i>High Need Rate</i>. The approval can only take place after ICCP completes the assessment.</p>

3. How is the rate paid?

Special Needs rate	High Need rate
<p>DHS pays the <i>Special Needs Rate</i> through the regular invoice to DHS Direct Pay Unit (DPU), just like the other DHS child care rates.</p>	<p>DHS pays the <i>High Need Rate</i> with a separate check. The child care provider sends in one invoice. The second check should arrive within two weeks after the regular payment.</p>