Office of the Chief

Chuck Hoskin Jr. *Principal Chief*

Bryan Warner Deputy Principal Chief





February 17, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Deputy Chief Warner and I know that Cherokee Nation citizens, particularly families with young children, are greatly impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. To help offset some of these challenges, we are pleased to share that effective February 1, 2022, Cherokee Nation will be covering copayments normally paid by parents or guardians for childcare services until July 31, 2022.

Following the recent surge of COVID-19 cases in our communities, we know that childcare costs can cause an additional burden for families. We want to ensure that no family has to make the difficult decision to choose between providing for their families through work and caring for their loved ones. As you continue to utilize these services, know that Deputy Chief Warner and I, along with the entire Cherokee Nation Child Care and Development team, care about the wellbeing of your family. We will continue to work each day to meet the needs of Cherokee children and families.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, or your child's copayment, please contact one of Cherokee Nation's Child Care and Development Subsidy office locations listed below, or reach out directly to your Subsidy Caseworker.

Tahlequah Subsidy Office	(918) 453-5300
Catoosa Subsidy Office	(918) 266-5626
Sallisaw Subsidy Office	(918) 775-6226
Stilwell Subsidy Office	(918) 696-5531 (Wed-Fri only)
Pryor Subsidy Office	(918) 824-4533 (Mon-Tue only)

Cherokee children are critical to our future as a Nation and as a people, and we hope that this policy helps your family in the coming days.

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Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

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Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

Attachment: Cherokee Nation COVID-19 Coverage of Child Care Copayments for Parents Policy <u>COVID-19 Coverage of Child Care Copayments for Parents Policy</u> Effective February 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022, Cherokee Nation Child Care Subsidy will pay monthly child copayments for parents/guardians directly to Child Care Providers when child care billing claims are processed at the end of each billing month.