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to ask of you. Have a nice day.**

1C. Were you paid for the children you served during the past month... or will you be paid for the children you will serve within the next month?

1. NO ____

2. YES ____

If NO, READ:

If YES, go to 1D.

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1D. How many children is this altogether? _____

[PROBE: Please give me the number of children you served within the past month or are enrolled to begin in your program within the next month, for whom you were paid or will be paid.]

READ: "Throughout this survey please refer to this child or these children when I ask you questions about the children you are presently serving."

CONTINUE to Q2

2. Are any of the children in your child care program subsidized? This includes subsidies from the state such as vouchers or local Community Partnership slots, or any other tuition payment from a group other than the parents. [PROBE: This also includes "Family Preservation" slots. "Subsidies" can include tuition assistance from the United Way.]

1. NO ____

2. YES ____

GO to Q2B2

Continue to Q2A

[DIRECTION TO INTERVIEWER: IF R. cannot answer this question, skip to Q2C.]

2A. How many children are subsidized? [PROBE: This include subsidies from state vouchers, local Community Partnership slots, the United Way, and any other tuition payment from a group other than the parents. If R. reports that they are part of a FCC *system*, go to Q2C.]

_____ # of CHILDREN

[DIRECTION TO INTERVIEWER: IF R. cannot answer this question, skip to Q2C.]

(CATI calculate percentage: Q2A/Q1A)

IF 0%, go to Q2B2

2B. **Between 1-99%**

READ:

For the questions I will be asking in this survey, please give me information and rates ONLY for the children that are "not-subsidized".

We only want information about children *whose parents pay you directly* for their child care.

(PROBE: we only want information about "private paying" children.)

Now, if you eliminate the subsidized children, how many children are left?

_____ # of children

2C. **100% (ALL)**

READ:

Do you provide child care for any child or children *whose parents pay you directly* for their full child care tuition?

[PROBE: this can be for even 1 child.]

IF NO, GO to Q22

IF YES, READ: This is the child or children want information about. How many children is this?

These are the children we refer to as "private paying".

[PROBE: If R. states that **no** parent pays her directly because she is in a family child care *system*, go to Q2B3.]

GO TO Q2B2

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2B2. How many of these "X" children are enrolled in your program 4 or 5 days-per-week? They can be enrolled either for a full-day or part-of-the-day as long as they are enrolled 4 or 5 days per week.

_____ # of children

READ: These are the children we want information about.

(IF = "0", go to Q2B3
IF > "0" GO TO Q3)

2B3. Do you have *any* child or children in your program at this time, who are enrolled for five days per week? This can be a child who is private paying or subsidized.

1. NO _____ Go to Q2B4 2. YES _____ Go To Q22

2B4. Do you have *any* child or children in your program at this time, who are enrolled for four days per week? This can be a child who is private paying or subsidized.

2. NO _____ Go to END STATEMENT 1. YES _____ Go To Q22

3. INTERVIEWER: SELECT APPROPRIATE CATEGORY:

1. IF "8" CHILDREN OR LESS

2. IF "9" OR MORE

READ:

For the first part of this survey, please select 8 of the youngest children who are enrolled in your program 4 or 5- days-per- week and give me information only for those eight children.

I will now be asking you questions about your enrollment and rates. I will be doing this for the children that are presently enrolled 4 or 5-days-per-week, and for whom you receive direct payment from their parents. PLEASE do not give me information about any child that you serve for free.

[CATI DIRECTION: for the week of **April 16 through April 22**, **insert this at this point**: "During this week of April 16 through April 22, when schools are on vacations, when I ask you questions about your rates, please tell me the rates you charge for a typical week, when the schools are not on vacation.]"

If you have filled out the worksheet that we sent to you, this would be a good time to use it. (IF "NOT", Let's go ahead anyway, the questions are straightforward.)

(FOR THOSE WITH MORE THAN 3 CHILDREN: "If you haven't filled out the worksheet, you might want to jot down the names of the children and check off each child as you give me the information.")

Part 1: Child Care Price Questions Begin Here

CHILD 1

4. Let's start with the first (private-paying) child enrolled 4 or 5 days per week.
What is this child's age?
[PROBE: What is the age of the first (private-paying) child who is enrolled 4 or 5- days- per- week.]

____ YEARS ____ MONTHS

[DIRECTION FOR INTERVIEWER: If R. reports an age such as "4", say: "Is that years or months?"]

- 4a. What rate do you charge for care for this child? In quoting your rate, please do not add on any fees that are above your regular rate...and please do not deduct for any discounts. If you have already deducted for a "sliding-scale discount" or a "sibling discount", please tell me what the full rate is without the discount.

\$(a) _____ per _____ (b) (unit)

[DIRECTION FOR INTERVIEWER: IF Respondent (R.) reports that she has *two or more children in care from one family* and the family pays in one lump sum, say: "Please estimate the price you would charge for this child, without the discount."]

[DIRECTION FOR INTERVIEWER: IF R. reports that she has more than one 4 or 5-day-per-week rate for this child, ask for the most frequently used rate. IF R cannot do this, ask for the highest rate for this child.]

[DIRECTION FOR INTERVIEWER: If R. reports that she does not receive a payment from the parents, but is paid only by the

"family child care system", say that we only want information about children whose parents directly pay the provider for the full tuition cost. If she has no such children, go to the Q2B3.]

4b. [PROBE: FOR THOSE WHO DON'T GIVE A "UNIT", BY SAYING: "Is this amount per hour?, per day? per week? , per month? Or some other unit? ": then, ASK QUESTION NEXT TO THE UNIT QUOTED BY THE RESPONDENT.

If "unit" is given by Respondent in 4a ... ask question next to the unit reported.)

01) Per hour How many hours-per-day does this child attend your program? [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours-per-day for this child.]

_____ . _____ HOURS

GO TO Q4C

IF RESPONDENT CANNOT GIVE THIS,
ASK:

"How many hours was this child in your care last week?" [PROBE: we are asking for a typical week here.]

_____ . _____ HOURS

"How many days did child attend last week?"
[PROBE: we are asking for a typical week here.]

_____ . _____ DAYS

GO TO Q4C

02) Per 1/2 day How many hours per 1/2 day? (ave) _____.____
[PROBE: What is the average number of hours per 1/2 day.]

What is the average number of hours for a full day in your program? _____.____

GO TO Q4C

03) Per day How many hours-per-day does this child attend your program? [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours-per-day for this child.]

_____ . _____ HOURS
GO TO Q4C

04) Per week How many hours-per-day does this child attend your program? [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours-per-day for this child.]

_____ . _____ HOURS
GO TO Q4C

05) Per month How many hours-per-day does this child attend your program? [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day for this child.]

_____ . _____ HOURS
GO TO Q4C

06) Per other Please explain: _____
How many days in this unit? ___ . __ DAYS

How many hours-per-day does this child attend your program? [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours-per-day for this child.]

_____ . __ DAYS
GO TO Q4C

4C. How many days-per-week is this child enrolled in your program? [PROBE: if < 4 days, take child out of survey.]

_____ DAYS

(4D. CATI see Q4: For those children who are age-eligible for public kindergarten in this town, ASK:

Does this child attends a public kindergarten or Pre-K program, in addition to your program?

1. NO ___
GO to Q5

2. YES ___
GO to Q5

3. Don't know ___
GO to Q5)

5. DOES RESPONDENT HAVE A SECOND CHILD IN HER PROGRAM?

NO _____
If NO, Go to
Q19

YES _____
If YES, CONTINUE

CHILD 2

6. Let's go on to the second (private-paying) child. What is this child's age?
[PROBE: What is the age of the second (private-paying) child who is enrolled 4 or 5- days- per- week.]

_____ YEARS _____ MONTHS

[**DIRECTION FOR INTERVIEWER:** If R. reports an age such as "4", say: "Is that years or months?"]

6a. What rate do you charge for care for this child?

[PROBE: "In quoting your rate, please do not add on any fees that are above your regular rate...and please do not deduct for any discounts. If you have already deducted for a "sliding-scale

discount" or a "sibling discount", please tell me what the full rate is without the discount."]

\$(a) _____ per _____ (b) (unit)

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[**DIRECTION FOR INTERVIEWER:** IF R. reports that she has more than one 4 or 5-days-per-week rate for this child, ask for the most frequently used rate. IF R cannot do this, ask for the highest rate for this child.]

[**DIRECTION FOR INTERVIEWER:** If R. reports that she does not receive a payment from the parents, but is paid only by the "family child care system", say that we only want information about children whose parents directly pay the provider for the full tuition cost. If she has no such children, go to the Q2B3.]

6b. [PROBE: FOR THOSE WHO DON'T GIVE A "UNIT", BY SAYING: "Is this amount per hour? per day? per week?, per month? Or some other unit? ": then, ASK QUESTION NEXT TO THE UNIT QUOTED BY THE RESPONDENT.

If "unit" is given by Respondent in 6a ... ask question next to the unit reported.)

01) Per hour How many hours-per-day does this child usually attend your program? [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours-per- day for this child.]

_____ . _____ HOURS
GO TO Q6C

IF RESPONDENT CANNOT GIVE THIS,
ASK:

"How many hours was this child in your care last week?" [PROBE: we are asking for a typical week here.]

_____ . _____ HOURS

"How many days did child attend last week?"
[PROBE: we are asking for a typical week here.]

_____ . _____ DAYS

GO TO Q6C

- 02) Per 1/2 day How many hours per 1/2 day? (ave) ____ . ____
[PROBE: What is the average number of hours
per 1/2 day.]

What is the average number of hours for a full
day in your program? ____ . ____

GO TO Q6C

- 03) Per day How many hours- per- day does this child
attend your program? [PROBE: Please estimate
an average number of hours-per- day for this
child.]

_____ . _____ HOURS

GO TO Q6C

- 04) Per week How many hours-per- day does this child
attend your program? [PROBE: Please estimate
an average number of hours-per-day for this
child.]

_____ . _____ HOURS

GO TO Q6C

- 05) Per month How many hours-per-day does this child
attend your program? [PROBE: Please estimate

an average number of hours-per-day for this child.]

_____ . _____ HOURS
GO TO Q6C

06) Per other Please explain: _____

How many days in this unit? ____ . __ DAYS

How many hours-per-day does this child attend your program? [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours-per-day.]

____ . __ DAYS

GO TO Q6C

6C. How many days-per-week is this child enrolled in your program?
[PROBE: if < 4 days, take child out of survey.]

_____ DAYS

(6D. CATI see Q6: For those children who are age-eligible for public kindergarten in this town, ASK:

Does this child attends a public kindergarten or Pre-K program, in addition to your program?

1. NO ____
GO to Q7

2. YES ____
GO to Q7

3. Don't know ____
GO to Q7)

Repeat above questions for child 3 through 8
(Questions 7-18)

Part 2: Holiday/Snow day/School Vacation Weeks

Kindergarten-age Child

19. Now I'm going to ask you about child care services that you may provide during the school year, for holidays, snow days or school-vacation weeks.

During the school year, do you typically provide a **full day of care** for any (private-paying) Kindergarten-age child... for a school holiday, or a snow day, or a school-vacation week? "Kindergarten age" is a child eligible for public kindergarten in your area. This would mean that the child is "xx" years of age by (*insert date based upon town*).

[PROBE: This is not 'drop-in' care, but care for children already enrolled.]

1. No _____

If "NO", go to Q20

2. Yes _____

If "YES" Continue

[TO INTERVIEWER: We are asking for a daily rate for this care. In addition, if R. has more than one rate, ask for the most frequently used rate for these children.]

19a. What rate do you charge for a full-day of care for a Kindergarten age child for a snow day, or a holiday, or a day in a school-vacation week?

[PROBE: In quoting your rate, please do not add on any fees that are above your regular rate, and please do not deduct for any discounts.

"Discounts" include a "sliding-scale discount" or a "sibling discount"]

\$(a) _____ per _____ (b) (unit)

[If R. has more than one full-day rate, ask for the most frequently

used rate for these children.]

19b.

01.) PER HOUR How many hours per day is the Kindergarten age child in this full day? (average) [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day.]

____.____

02.) PER 1/2 DAY: How many hours per 1/2 day? (av) ____.

How many hours per full day? (av) ____.

03.) PER DAY How many hours per day is the Kindergarten age child in this full day? (average) [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day.]

____.____

04.) PER WEEK How many hours per day is the Kindergarten age child in this full day? (average) [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day.]

____.____

How many days per week? ____.

05.) PER OTHER: _____(Explain)

How many days in this unit? ____ . ____ DAYS

How many hours-per-day is the Kindergarten-age child in this full day?

____ . ____ DAYS [
GO TO Q20

School-age

20. During the school year, do you typically provide a **full day of care** for any (private-paying) school-age child for a school holiday, or a snow day, or a school-vacation week? "School-age children" are from first grade up to 13 years of age. [PROBE: "School age" is also up to 17 years of age for a child with 'special needs'. This is not 'drop-in' care, but care for children already enrolled.]

1. No _____

If "NO" go to Q21

2. Yes _____

If "YES" Continue

20a. What rate do you charge for a full- day of care for a school age child for a snow day, or a holiday, or a day in a school-vacation week? [PROBE: "In quoting your rate for the full day, please do not "add on" any fees that are above your regular rate, and please do not deduct for any discounts. "Discounts" include a "sliding-scale discount" or a "sibling discount."]

\$(a) _____ per _____ (b) (unit)

[**TO INTERVIEWER:** We are asking for a daily rate for this care. In addition, if R. has more than one rate, ask for the most frequently used rate for these children.]

20b.

01.) PER HOUR How many hours per day is the school age child in this full day? (average) [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day.]

____.____

02.) PER 1/2 DAY: How many hours per 1/2 day? (av) ____.

How many hours per full day? (av) ____.

03.) PER DAY How many hours per day is the school age child in this full day? (average) [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day.]

____.

04.) PER WEEK How many hours per day is the school age child in this full day? (average) [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day.]

____.

How many days per week? ____.

05.) PER OTHER: _____
(Explain)

How many days in this unit? ____ . ____ DAYS

How many hours-per-day is the school-age child in this full day? ____ . ____ DAYS

GO TO Q21

SUMMER CARE: Full Day/Full Week Care for Children from Kindergarten Up To 13 Years of age

21. Now I'm going to ask you about child care services that you may provide in the summer. I'd like to ask about full-day care...for 4 or 5-days-per-week,...for children from kindergarten up to 13 years of age.

During the summer, do you typically provide full-day care, for 4 or 5-days per week, for any (private-paying) child from kindergarten up to 13 years of age? [PROBE: "Kindergarten age" is a child eligible for public kindergarten in your area. This would mean that the child is "xx" years of age by (insert date based upon town). "Full-day care" is 6 hours or more per day.]

1. No _____ 2. Yes _____ 3. Not Sure _____
If "NO", go to Q22 If "YES" Go to Q21a Go To Q21i

21i. Did you provide this full day, full week care last summer, for any (private-paying) child between the age of kindergarten up to 13 year?

1. No _____ 2. Yes _____
If "NO", go to Q22 If "YES" Continue

- 21a. During this coming summer, what rate will you charge for full-day care, 4 or 5-days-per-week, for a child from kindergarten up to 13 years? In quoting your rate, please do not "add on" any fees that are above your regular rate, and please do not deduct for any discounts. [PROBE: "Discounts" include a "sliding-scale discount" or a "sibling discount"]

\$(a) _____ per _____ (b) (unit)

[If R. has more than one full- day full- week rate, ask for the rate *most frequently used* for these children.]

21b.

01.) PER HOUR How many hours per day is this child typically in your summer program? (average) [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day.]

____.____

02.) PER 1/2 DAY: How many hours per 1/2 day? (av)

____.____

How many hours per full day? (av)

____.____

03.) PER DAY How many hours per day is this child typically in your summer program? (average) [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day.]

____.____

04.) PER WEEK How many hours per day is this child typically in your summer program? (average) [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day.]

____.____

05.) PER MONTH How many hours per day is this child typically in your summer program? (average) [PROBE: Please estimate an average number of hours per day.]

____.____

06.) PER OTHER: _____(Explain)

How many days in this unit? ___ . ___

How many hours-per-day is this child typically in your summer program? (average)

GO TO Q21C

21C. How many days-per-week is this child or children typically in your full time summer program? [PROBE: "Full time" is for a full day, 4 or 5 days per week.]

21D. In a *typical* week in the coming summer, approximately how many of these (*private-paying*) children do you expect to have enrolled in your full day program, 4 or 5-day-per-week? (Please estimate.) [PROBE: "Children" are from kindergarten age up to 13 years of age.]

Part 3: Cost Survey Question

22. This summer, the Department of Early Education and Care will be conducting a "Provider Cost Survey". This will be an in-depth study of how much it actually costs to provide different types of care in different parts of Massachusetts. For years, many providers have wanted information about the costs of running child care programs. This important cost survey will take some more time and effort on your part than this Market Rate Survey did, but the results should be worthwhile for everyone. Would you be willing to participate in the Provider Cost Survey this summer?

1. No _____ 2. Yes _____ 3. Not Sure _____

END STATEMENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS SURVEY. Have a nice day.