

Financial Assistance Available to Meet Health and Safety Requirements

The SEIU collective bargaining agreement allows financial assistance to help license exempt providers cover the cost of equipment, including installation or facility repairs to meet the DHS health and safety requirements. Examples of items that qualify for financial assistance include but are not limited to fire extinguishers and first aid kits. If a provider needs smoke detectors or outlet covers, providers should first contact their Office of Child Care licensing specialist or the Provider Specialist at the DHS Direct Pay Unit to see if any are available.

Each license exempt provider is eligible to be reimbursed for up to \$250.00 per calendar year unless authorized for additional funds in advance. License exempt providers should work with their local child care resource and referral agency (CCR&R) if they are needing this financial assistance. The local CCR&R agency will work with providers to fill out the reimbursement form for the reimbursement to be processed.

The reimbursement form is accessible online through TRI's website (<http://triwou.org/projects/ccccrr/professionals>). The CCR&R agencies will distribute the form to providers during Orientations. The DHS listing form will also include information about how to apply for this reimbursement.