

The [Initial Achievement Award](#) is awarded the first time the center/provider achieves a STARS level in accordance with the awards chart.

The center/provider will be paid for each level and including the STARS level achieved initially.

****Examples****

A center achieving a Level 3 for the first time will be issued a payment for Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 in accordance with the awards chart.

A center achieving a Level 1 will be paid the initial award for Level 1. If this same facility receives a Level 2 at a later date will be paid the initial achievement award for Level 2 at that time, etc...

The [Annual Achievement Award](#) is for a center/provider maintaining a STARS Level 3 or 4. Eligibility for this award is determined during the anniversary month of the provider's STARS rating.

“Anniversary date” is new terminology for STARS since changes to the STARS regulations extended the length of time that two-, three- and four-STARS ratings are valid.

- A program's STARS anniversary date is the date one year forward from the date issued on the STARS certificate.
- Three-STARS and four-STARS rated programs will have an anniversary date each year one year forward from the date issued on the STARS certificate.

The [Annual Enhancement Award](#) is for Level 4 Type I centers who offer health insurance at the time of rating or begin to offer this benefit to their employees. The center must pay at least 50% of the cost of a single plan. Level 4 Type II centers and Certified providers are eligible for the annual enhancement award if their environment rating scale score is an average above 5.5.

[Quality Incentive Awards](#) are calculated **annually** for STARS Levels 2, 3, and 4 centers/providers serving CCAP children.

STARS Level 1 participants are **not** eligible for the incentive award.

Licensed Type I Centers are paid semi-annually based on the center's STARS rating level and the percentage of CCAP children, compared to the total number of children served during the month the quality rating certificate was issued. Eligibility for recalculation is determined during the anniversary month.

Licensed Type II Centers and Certified providers are paid annually based on the STARS rating level and the percentage of CCAP children, compared to the total number of children served during the month the quality rating certificate was issued. Eligibility for recalculation is determined during the anniversary month.

Please refer to the awards chart.