Pay by Enrollment Provider Quick Guide: Getting Started

On July 15, 2024, Indiana changed to a Pay by Enrollment voucher model to reduce burdens on providers while enhancing family experience. In the new model, providers use a new portal to record child absences, rather than families using swipe cards to track their child's attendance. Absences are tracked against an updated Excessive Absence policy of 40 days (or 20 consecutive absences) to increase time in care and ultimately improve child outcomes.

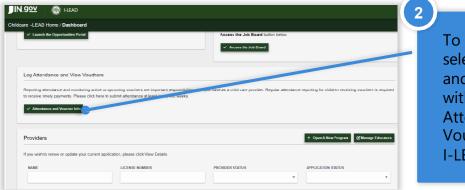
Please follow each step in this how-to guide to set up your account in the new portal and payment system.

Step 1: Log in to your provider portal account. This portal is where you will track child absences.



Log into I-LEAD. If you are a new provider, you can create an account through Access Indiana.





To access the portal, select the 'Attendance and Voucher Info' tile within the 'log Attendance and View Vouchers' section of the I-LEAD home screen.

Don't have a provider portal account?

If you do not have a portal account, you will first need to set one up:

- 1. Refer to the email you received from OECOSL with your invitation to link your provider site. Call 1-800-299-1627 or visit https://brighterfuturesindiana.org/ilead if you did not receive the email.
- 2. Select the "Accept Invitation" button at the bottom of the email message.
- 3. Follow the prompts and fill out all required fields. At the end of the process, select the "Update Your Profile button in the bottom-right corner of the window.



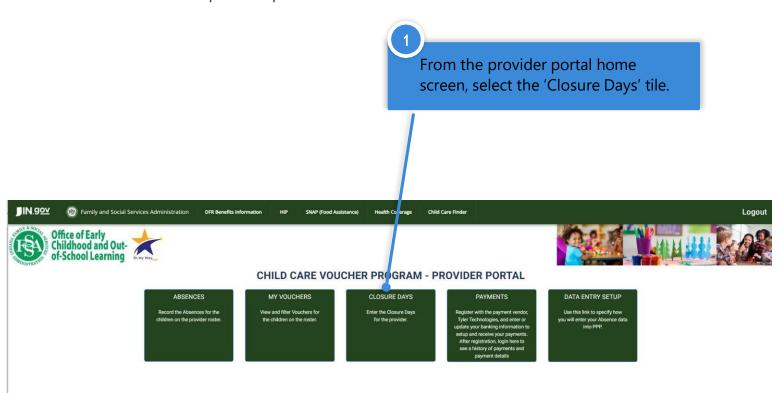
Step fi: Determine how you will record child absences.

- By default, all providers are set up to submit data through the provider portal. If you plan to do so, no action is required, and you may continue to Step 3.
- If you are using a preferred Child Care Management System (CCMS) vendor (Alliance CORE powered by Early Learning Ventures, brightwheel, or Playground), you may choose to have absence data uploaded automatically from your CCMS. Please reference the 'Connecting your CCMS for Child Absence Tracking Guide' for more information about this process.

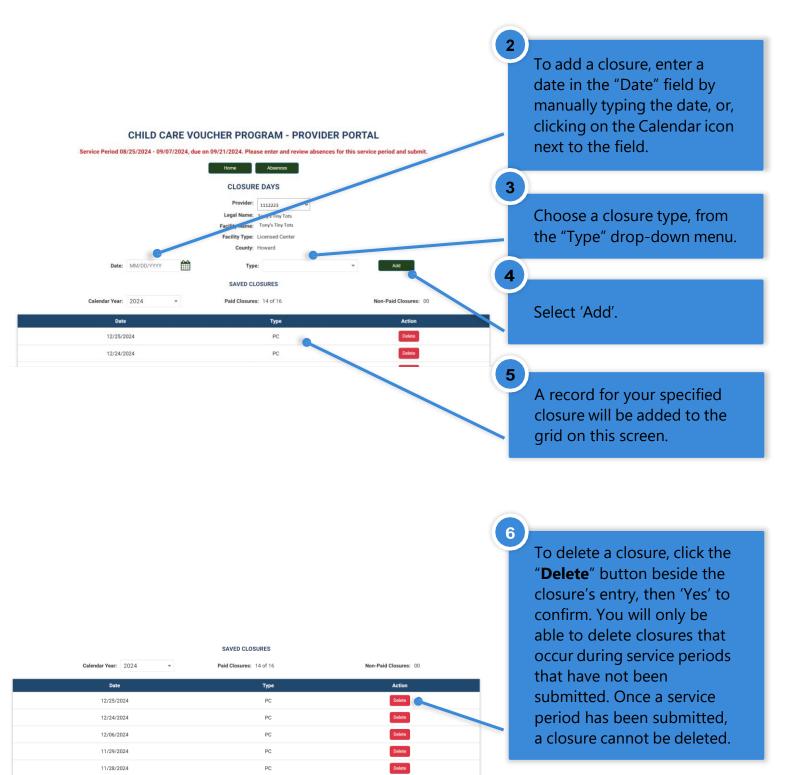
Note: you may begin automatically sharing attendance with the state's system through a CCMS connection **after** the first attendance period is submitted (which must be entered in the provider portal).

Step 3: Enter your program's closure dates.

- Providers are allowed 16 paid closures per year. After 16 paid closures have been recorded, only the Non-Paid-Closure option will be available.
- Providers should use all of their paid closure days before using non-paid closure days.
- Closures are not managed in the CCMS system like other attendance and absence data. Closures must be added in the provider portal.

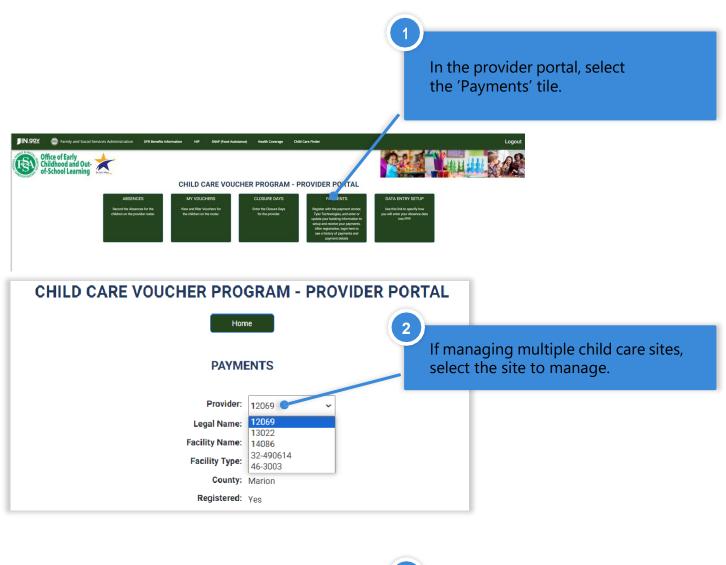


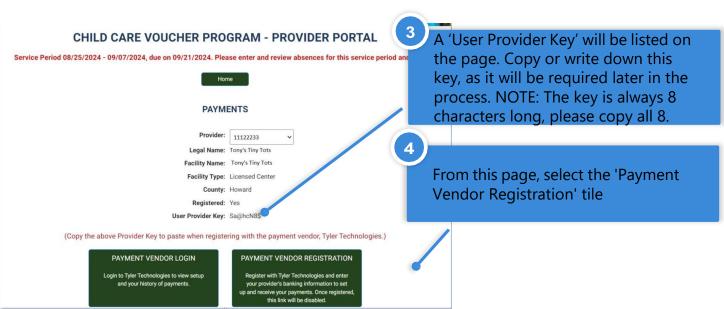




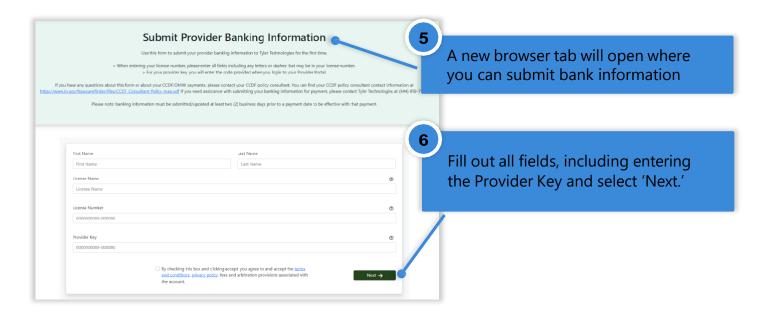


Step 5: Register with Tyler Technologies to ensure you receive voucher payments in the new Pay by Enrollment model.



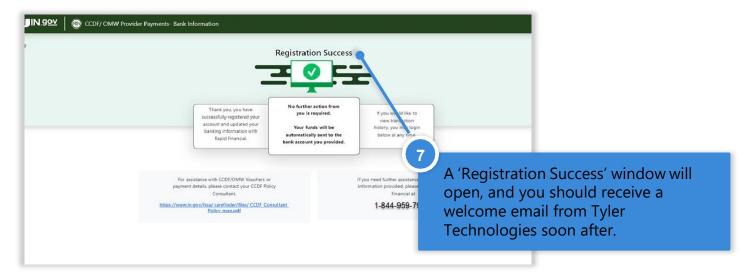






IMPORTANT: If you manage multiple programs, you must repeat the registration process for each program.

To manage every program from one account, be sure to use the same username and password for each registration.



Addressing and responding to family questions

- Encourage families to check their pre-voucher report to register for the new family portal. This report will contain a "parent key" that families will need to link their case to their account.
- Accessing the parent portal is not required but can be a convenient place for families to track absences and voucher information.
- The <u>family FAQs</u> on the Pay by Enrollment webpage provide more information about what families can expect.

