Bright from the Start now requires family and group day care homes and childcare centers to pay an annual registration or license fee. Fees must be paid no later than December 31st of each year. Bright from the Start's Childcare Services Division will issue new registrations within 90 days of receiving payment from providers or centers.

Because there is a delay between the provider/center paying the annual fee and receiving the new registration/license, Nutrition Services is providing instructions to Administrative and Day Care Home Sponsors on how to verify annual payments via Bright from the Start's website. A copy of the annual fee payment is sufficient documentation to submit with monthly update packages or provider applications. Sponsors must maintain a copy of the fee payment and the new registration on file.

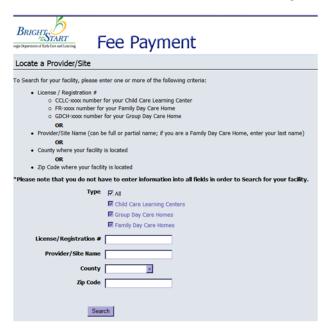
Go to www. decal.ga.gov and on the right side, towards the bottom of the page, you will see "License Fee Payments". Click on the box



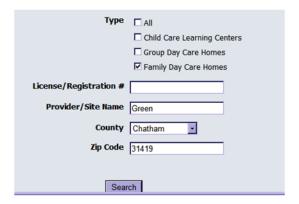
This will take you to the Child Care tab for License Fee Information. There is a link in blue; "Pay license fees online". Click on the link



You can search for a provider or center by following the prompts.



You will get the best results if you select either "Group day Care Homes" or "Family Day Care Homes", along with the provider's last name or site name, county and Zip

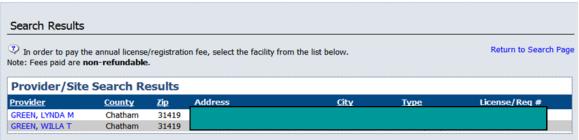


You will then see a list of possible providers within the same county and zip. The address, city, state, type and license/reg # will also be provided. (I have blocked this info our for the provider's privacy).









## Instruction Guide for Verifying Payment of Annual Registration/Licensing Fees

The provider will have a Fee Payment statement. If the provider has paid the fee, the current expiration date set for the next year. For example: "12/31/2012". You will also see under the billing and Payment History, as to when the provider paid the fee. You should print this page for your records and also include it with your monthly updates for new registration/license, if a hard copy is not available.

