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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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GUIDANCE TYPE: DIRECTIVE

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS
ALL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: ONE-TIME PER-CHILD STABILIZATION PAYMENTS TO CARE PROVIDERS PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL (SB) 151 (CHAPTER 108, STATUTES OF 2025)

APPLICABLE PROGRAMS: CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAMS (CAPP)
MIGRANT ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAMS (CMAP)
CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS), STAGES ONE, TWO (C2AP), AND THREE (C3AP)
THE EMERGENCY CHILD CARE BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR FOSTER CHILDREN (BRIDGE PROGRAM)
GENERAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (CCTR)
FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME EDUCATION NETWORKS (CFCC)
MIGRANT CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (CMIG)
CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES (CHAN)

REFERENCE: [SENATE BILL \(SB\) 151](#);
[TITLE 5 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS \(5 CCR\) SECTION 18065](#);
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTION 10421\(b\)](#);
[WIC SECTION 10277.1](#); [WIC SECTION 10227.5](#);

WIC SECTION 10424.5; WIC SECTION 10277.2;
CHILD CARE BULLETIN (CCB) NO. 23-01;
CHILD CARE BULLETIN (CCB) NO. 23-37;
CCB NO. 23-34E; CCB NO. 24-01;
THE TENTATIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CHILD CARE
PROVIDERS UNITED UNION

Purpose

The purpose of this Child Care Bulletin (CCB) is to notify and provide guidance to counties and child care and development contractors of the distribution of one-time per-child provider stabilization payments to child care providers who were reimbursed for state-subsidized child care services in the month of April 2025, pursuant to [Senate Bill \(SB\) 151](#).

Background

Effective January 1, 2020, Assembly Bill (AB) 378 (Chapter 385, Statutes of 2019), authorized family child care providers, defined in Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 10421, subdivision (b) as licensed family child care home operators or license-exempt providers who participate in a state-funded early care and education program, to meet and confer with the state regarding matters within the scope of representation as established in WIC section 10424.5. Family child care providers chose Child Care Providers United (CCPU) to act as their union representative, and CCPU was subsequently certified by the Public Employment Relations Board. Topics within the scope of representation include, but are not limited to, reimbursement rates, professional development, and training for child care providers, and impacts on the delivery of child care services as a result of changes in regulations and rules.

On August 7, 2025, the State and CCPU reached an agreement that became effective upon ratification on September 22, 2025, and remains in effect until July 1, 2028. Provisions of the agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) codified in WIC Section 10277.1 via SB 151 include one-time per-child stabilization payments to family child care providers as specified below. SB 151 also amended WIC Section 10277.2 to extend one-time per-child stabilization payments to child care centers that are not represented by CCPU.

Guidance

Pursuant to the MOU and to WIC sections 10277.1 and 10277.2, as amended by SB 151, all child care providers who were paid based on April 2025 enrollments shall receive a one-time stabilization payment.

The payment amounts shall be based on child care provider type as follows:

<u>Licensed Family Child Care Homes & Centers</u>	<u>License-Exempt Providers</u>
<u>\$431</u>	<u>\$300</u>

These payments shall be payable to family child care providers and centers serving children enrolled in the following child care and development programs:

- California Alternative Payment Programs (CAPP)
- Migrant Alternative Payment Programs (CMAP)
- Family Child Care Home Education Networks (CFCC)
- California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stages One, Two (C2AP), and Three (C3AP)
- The Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program)
- General Child Care and Development Programs (CCTR)
- Migrant Child Care and Development Programs (CMIG)
- Child Care and Development Programs for Children with Severe Disabilities (CHAN)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will distribute funding for these payments to the child care and development contractors who reimbursed child care providers in April 2025 via the State Controller's Office outside of their regular contracts.

Contractors shall distribute payments to eligible child care providers and subcontractors who reported eligible enrollments in April 2025 by January 1, 2026. Contractors will receive an additional allocation equal to five (5) percent of the allocation for administrative costs associated with the one-time stabilization payments made to child care providers. The one-time payment amount that is issued from a contractor to a provider must not be reduced.

Where applicable, contractors must make every effort to distribute payments to child care providers and subcontractors as soon as possible. Payments to child care providers must be issued no later than January 1, 2026. Applicable payment timeliness guidance applies pursuant to [CCB 23-34E](#).

Contractors shall provide the payment directly to eligible child care providers or to subcontractors to give to eligible child care providers and will not be subject to the regular reporting requirements associated with their child development contracts.

These payments are subject to applicable income tax requirements.

Instructions For Counties in Which CalWORKs Stage One and Bridge Programs Are Administered Directly by the County

In counties where the CalWORKs Stage One and/or Bridge Programs are administered in-house by the county and where no business relationship exists between the CalWORKs Stage One/Bridge Program child care provider and an APP, [Child Development Associates](#) (CDA) in San Diego County will issue payments to those providers directly.

The requirement to make payments within 21 calendar days of the submission of a complete monthly attendance record or invoice does not apply to payments made by CDA on behalf of counties.

The CDSS will retrieve monthly provider data payment and child count data directly from counties or, where applicable, via the California Statewide Automated Welfare System, also known as CalSAWS. The CDSS will provide that data directly to CDA. The payment and child count data will include the following data fields:

- County Vendor ID
- The Local Provider Identification number (VendorLocalID)
- Provider last name, first name
- Unique identifier (SSN or EIN)
- Facility Address: Street field, city field, zip code field
- Mailing Address: Street field, city field, zip code field
- Phone number
- Email address
- License number and capacity
- Provider type (license, center, FCC, or FFN)
- Child count (number of attendance records paid in the payment month per provider)
- Month of County/Stage 1 Bridge Payment
- Copy of provider W9 forms, if available
- Language
- County Contact person
- County-Region

Reporting Requirements

Contractors must maintain records of payments issued to individual child care providers as well as the dates the payments are distributed and must be able to submit these records to CDSS upon request. The increased administrative allowance available for these payments is intended, in part, to help support contractors in fulfilling these data requirements.

For questions regarding the information in this letter, contact the Child Care and Policy Development Bureau at (916) 657-2144, or at CCPB@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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