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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CHILD CARE BULLETIN (CCB) NO. 26-12

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GUIDANCE TYPE: FISCAL

TO: CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 (CAPP, CMAP, AND CFCC) VOUCHER-BASED CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIAL CONTRACT AWARD ALLOCATIONS**

APPLICABLE PROGRAMS: CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAMS (CAPP), MIGRANT ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM (CMAP), and FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME EDUCATION NETWORKS (CFCC)

REFERENCE: CHILD CARE BULLETIN (CCB) NUMBER (NO.) [21-21](#); [CCB 25-25](#); WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTIONS [10227.5](#); [10236](#); [10213.5](#); AND [10250-10252](#)

Purpose

The purpose of this CCB is to inform specified voucher-based child care and development contractors of Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 initial planning regarding contract allocations. Initial allocations for certain child care contractors reflect agreed-upon, ongoing relinquishments of funds that historically have gone unspent and were projected to remain unspent. These relinquishments help absorb the FY 2026-27 Governor's Budget total fund reduction without disrupting services for any currently enrolled children. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has and will continue to evaluate child care contracts to identify contracts which either were requested to be adjusted to better align with lower earning trends, or may be subject to relinquishment due to historical under-earning and the possibility of being reallocated to

other contractors. Please note that award amounts issued at the start of each FY are proposed based on projected budget allocations, and any changes based on Budget Act enactment may be communicated in a forthcoming Budget Act amendment CCB. Contracts will be issued on a flow basis as soon as possible. The Funding Terms and Conditions (FTCs) are located on the [Contractor Resources](#) webpage.

Per [CCB 25-25](#), Child Care and Development (CCD) Direct Service and Alternative Payment Contractors who applied and received approval for continued funding will not need to sign and return a CCD contract to provide services for FY 2026-27. By completing and returning the FY 2026-27 Continued and Expansion Funding Application (CEFA), a contractor indicates that it wishes to automatically renew its CCD contract for FY 2026-27 in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, terms and conditions, and Program Requirements that are incorporated into the FY 2026-27 CCD contract. See [CCB 25-25](#) for additional information regarding contract renewal/expansion.

Background

Voucher-based programs, also referred to as Alternative Payment Programs, provide voucher-based child care subsidies to help income-qualified families pay for child care. To support maximum parental choice, vouchers are provided to families to obtain care from licensed child care centers, licensed family child care homes, or license-exempt care providers.

Voucher-based programs are reimbursed based on the Regional Market Rate (RMR) schedule. The RMR ceilings are the maximum amounts that voucher-based child care providers can be reimbursed from the state for subsidized child care. Effective January 1, 2022, the RMR ceilings were established at the greater of either of the following:

- The 75th percentile of the 2018 Regional Market Rate (RMR) survey.
- The Regional Market Rate ceilings that existed in that region on December 31, 2021.

For additional information regarding the RMR ceiling changes effective January 1, 2022, please review [CCB 21-21](#) and the [Reimbursement Ceilings for Subsidized Child Care webpage](#).

CAPP uses both federal and state funding to provide vouchers for eligible low-income families. Alternative payment program agencies help families enrolled in CalWORKs child care or CAPP arrange child care services and make payments for those services directly to the child care provider selected by the family.

California Migrant Alternative Payment Program (CMAP) provides vouchers to eligible, migrant agricultural worker families (as defined in Funding Terms and Conditions,

Section X *Definitions* and [WIC Section 10236](#)) to obtain child care and development services from child care providers serving a geographic area approved by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). This program provides services for children birth to 13 years of age, and for older children with exceptional needs. Funding for services follows families as they move from place to place for agricultural work.

The California Family Child Care Home Education Network (CFCC) program serves families eligible for subsidized care. CFCC contractors support a consortia of licensed family child care providers in a community that provides child care and development services. Providers participate in a Family Child Care Home Education Network (FCCHEN). CFCC contractors also provide training for child care providers and their staff, conduct environmental assessments of participating licensed family child care homes, and complete development profiles for the children enrolled in the CFCC program. Additionally, CFCC contractors offer parent education, provide referrals for health and social services, and support parent involvement.

Contract Review

Throughout each contract period, CDSS assesses contract earning trends to identify contracts which have historically under-earned and to consider award adjustments to better align with lower earnings trends. This includes evaluating whether contractors that are projected to underspend should be asked to relinquish funds.

Claiming

As a reminder, Maximum Reimbursable Amounts are comprised of multiple funding sources. Each funding source's corresponding Service Location (SL) is provided in each contractor's annual child care contract. Reimbursements are processed through a system-generated percent-to-total for each contract, which is comprised of multiple SLs. Contractors are encouraged to review the SL information and funding details in their local agreements and this CCB.

Attachment I displays the initial allocation for CAPP agencies. Funding is comprised of revenues from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account (YEPEITA), the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), and General Fund. CAPP program costs should be claimed to the following SLs:

Service Location Code	Code Title	Federal Catalog Number
25400	CAPP – CCDF Discretionary Federal Fund	93.575
13186	CAPP – State General Fund	N/A
15467	CAPP – Prop 64	N/A

Attachment II displays the initial allocation for CMAP agencies. Funding is comprised of General Fund and CCDF. CMAP program costs should be claimed to the following SLs:

Service Location Code	Code Title	Federal Catalog Number
24570	CMAP – CCDF Matching Federal Fund	93.596
13260	CMAP – State General Fund	N/A

Attachment III displays the initial allocation for CFCC agencies. Funding is comprised of General Fund and CCDF. CFCC program costs should be claimed to the following SLs:

Service Location Code	Code Title	Federal Catalog Number
24569	CFCC – CCDF Matching Federal Fund	93.596
13261	CFCC – State General Fund	N/A

For further information about fiscal reporting and claiming for voucher-based Child and Development programs, please refer to the most recently published Enrollment, Attendance, and Fiscal Reporting and Reimbursement Procedures for Child Care and Development Contracts, commonly referred to as the Fiscal Handbook located on the [Fiscal Resources webpage](#).

If you have questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, please contact the Child Development Fiscal Services inbox at ChildDevelopmentFiscal@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

INITIAL ALLOCATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM (CAPP)

AGENCY CODE	AGENCY NAME	TOTAL MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT
000002401	ALAMEDA CO SOCIAL SERVICES AGY	\$4,534,466
00000B325	BANANAS INC	\$16,873,235
00000B376	COMM CHILD CARE COORD CNCL OF ALAMEDA	\$22,884,483
00000B388	HIVELY	\$18,206,369
00000U243	THE DAVIS ST COMM CNTR INC	\$7,192,969
00000N852	VALLEY OAK CHILDRENS SERVICES INC	\$10,191,751
00000X675	THE RESOURCE CONN OF AMADOR & CALAVERAS	\$4,550,837
000001006	COLUSA COE	\$4,017,765
00000H860	COCOKIDS, INC.	\$55,990,518
000002207	CONTRA COSTA CO EMPL/HUMAN SVC	\$13,567,266
00000X707	DEL NORTE CHILD CARE COUNCIL	\$1,675,042
00000N604	CNTRL VLY CHILDRENS SVCS NTWK	\$2,143,780
00000J162	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES INC	\$35,530,559
000001011	GLENN COE	\$5,522,219
00000B205	CHANGING TIDES FAMILY SERVICES	\$10,371,012
000001013	IMPERIAL COE	\$8,736,480
000001014	INYO COE	\$2,481,014
000001015	KERN CO SUPT OF SCHOOLS	\$62,913,466
00000P155	KINGS COMMUNITY ACTION ORG INC	\$9,630,444
000001018	LASSEN COE	\$1,108,827
00000G090	CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER INC	\$254,596,579
00000N616	CHILDRENS HOME SOCIETY OF CAL	\$144,873,609
000002187	CITY OF NORWALK	\$1,489,790
00000Y908	CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN	\$9,438,592
000002219	LA COUNTY DEPT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SVCS	\$27,158,709
00000B749	CRYSTAL STAIRS INC	\$69,485,326
00000T292	DREW CHILD DEV CORP INC	\$9,520,305
00000B460	INTL INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES	\$1,905,485
00000B763	MEXICAN AMER OPP FOUNDATION	\$51,691,890
00000J852	OPTIONS FOR LEARNING	\$35,964,074
00000Y628	PATHWAYS LA	\$18,932,169
000006490	POMONA USD	\$28,500,000
00000B509	COMM ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF MADERA CNTY	\$8,294,765
00000F228	MARIN CHILD CARE COUNCIL	\$6,581,724
000002221	MARIN CO HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS	\$910,429
00000B514	NORTH COAST OPPORTUNITIES INC	\$9,211,869
000001024	MERCED COE	\$17,514,851
00000N984	TRAINING EMPL & COMM HELP INC	\$1,734,986
000001026	MONO COE	\$1,195,955
00000B524	COMM RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN	\$9,468,030
00000H910	SIERRA NEVADA CHILDRENS SERVS	\$3,089,054
000001030	ORANGE CO DEPT OF EDUCATION	\$99,001,846
000001031	PLACER COE	\$20,450,565
00000N674	PLUMAS RURAL SERVICES	\$2,106,497
000001033	RIVERSIDE COE	\$229,163,486
00000J388	CHILD ACTION INC	\$57,529,626
00000T007	CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOC INC	\$87,677,001
00000H945	YMCA OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY	\$69,798,068
00000B610	CHILDRENS COUNCIL SAN FRANCISCO	\$19,912,296
000002238	DEPT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD	\$2,490,822
00000B620	FAM RESOURCE & REFERRAL CTR OF SAN JOAQ	\$25,209,677
00000B621	COMM ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF SLO CNTY INC	\$9,228,614
00000M232	CHILD CARE COORD CNCL OF SAN MATEO CNTY	\$20,539,660
000002241	SAN MATEO CO HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$3,602,976

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AGENCY CODE	AGENCY NAME	TOTAL MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT
000000B845	CHILDREN'S RESRC & REF OF SANTA BARBARA	\$23,008,095
0000001042	SANTA BARBARA COE	\$42,148,782
000000B655	CATALYST FAMILY INC.	\$4,341,071
000000X358	CHILD DEVELOPMENT INC	\$39,687,778
000000B649	GO KIDS INC	\$40,651,517
0000001045	SHASTA COE	\$14,571,639
000000J803	SISKIYOU CHILD CARE COUNCIL	\$3,193,250
000000B689	SOLANO FAMILY & CHILDREN'S COUNCIL INC	\$34,628,541
000000B822	COMM CC CNCL OF SONOMA CO	\$19,586,444
000000B883	RIVER TO COAST CHILDREN'S SVCS	\$2,298,400
0000002249	SONOMA CO HUMAN SERVICES DEPT	\$1,326,126
0000001050	STANISLAUS COE	\$40,821,271
000000N677	HUMAN RESPONSE NETWORK	\$807,921
0000001054	TULARE COE	\$20,467,150
000000N235	INFANT/CHILD ENRICHMT SVCS INC	\$4,567,999
000000B715	CHILD DEV RES OF VENTURA CO INC	\$38,358,402
	TOTAL	\$1,986,856,213

AGENCY CODE	AGENCY NAME	TOTAL MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT
000000Y320	COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF KERN	\$37,213,685
TOTAL		\$37,213,685

INITIAL ALLOCATION FOR THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME EDUCATION NETWORK (CFCC)

AGENCY CODE	AGENCY NAME	TOTAL MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT
000000B202	KIDANGO INC	\$4,828,493
000000N604	CNTRL VLY CHILDRENS SVCS NTWK	\$1,138,509
0000001011	GLENN COE	\$322,513
000000B205	CHANGING TIDES FAMILY SERVICES	\$1,160,043
000000T536	ALLIES FOR EVERY CHILD, INC.	\$1,325,208
000000G090	CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER INC	\$4,518,079
000000N617	CHILD LANE	\$1,677,499
000000N616	CHILDRENS HOME SOCIETY OF CAL	\$10,383,745
00000AA055	DIGNITY COMMUNITY CARE	\$454,895
0000006474	LOS ANGELES COMM COLLEGE DIST	\$1,012,907
000000B763	MEXICAN AMER OPP FOUNDATION	\$4,804,800
000000J852	OPTIONS FOR LEARNING	\$3,943,364
000000N053	COMMUNITY ACTION MARIN	\$614,958
000000H910	SIERRA NEVADA CHILDRENS SERVS	\$956,867
0000001031	PLACER COE	\$1,883,312
000000Q118	CHICANO FEDERATION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY	\$4,649,973
000000B610	CHILDRENS COUNCIL SAN FRANCISCO	\$2,060,628
000000P800	COMMUNITY FAMILY SERVICES INC	\$1,292,188
000000X575	MANDALA CHILDRENS HOUSE INC	\$662,915
0000006974	CABRILLO COMM COLLEGE DIST	\$379,214
000000B883	RIVER TO COAST CHILDREN'S SVCS	\$1,667,875
000000B700	THE CHILDREN & FAM CIRCLE OF SONOMA CNTY	\$1,309,781
0000001052	TEHAMA CO DEPT OF EDUCATION	\$558,317
000000N677	HUMAN RESPONSE NETWORK	\$546,291
000000B715	CHILD DEV RES OF VENTURA CO INC	\$1,993,316
000000N984	TRAINING EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY HELP	\$290,917
	TOTAL	\$54,436,607