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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CHILD CARE BULLETIN (CCB) NO. 25-09

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GUIDANCE TYPE: FISCAL

TO: CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 VOUCHER-BASED CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIAL CONTRACT AWARD ALLOCATIONS**

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

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 116 \(CHAPTER 41, STATUTES OF 2023\)](#)
[CHILD CARE BULLETIN \(CCB\) NUMBER \(NO.\) 21-21;](#)
[CCB 23-22; CCB 24-04; CCB 24-20E](#)
[SENATE BILL \(SB\) 140 \(CHAPTER 193, STATUTES OF 2023\);](#)
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTIONS
[10213.5; 10236](#)

Purpose

The purpose of this CCB is to inform certain voucher-based child care and development contractors of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 initial planning contract allocations. Please note that award amounts are proposed, 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. An update to the FTCs is forthcoming for the upcoming FY 2025-26.

As a reminder, per [CCB 24-20E](#), Child Care and Development (CCD) Direct Service and Alternative Payment contractors who apply for and are approved for continued funding will not need to sign and return a CCD contract to provide services for FY 2025-26. The CCD contractors will be automatically renewed in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, as well as all CCD Funding Terms and Conditions and Program Requirements that will be incorporated into the FY 2025-26 CCD contract.

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 in licensed child care centers, licensed family child care homes, or license-exempt care. Voucher-based programs are reimbursed 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 survey for that region.
- 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 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 makes payment for those services directly to the child care provider selected by the family.

CMAF provides vouchers to eligible, migrant agricultural worker families (as defined in Funding Terms and Conditions, Section X *Definitions* and [WIC Section 10236](#)) to purchase child care and development services from child care providers serving an identifiable 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.

CFCC serves families eligible for subsidized care. CFCC are a consortia of licensed family child care homes in a community that provide child care and development services, parenting education, social and health services referrals. Family Child Care Home Education Networks (FCCHEN) also provide training for child care providers and

their staff, as well as quality assessments of participating licensed family child care homes, and development profiles for the children enrolled in the program and support parent involvement.

Policy Adjustments

Since July 1, 2021, voucher-based providers have been reimbursed based on the maximum certified hours of care instead of attendance. For voucher-based providers serving families on a variable schedule, reimbursement was based on the maximum certified hours of care. Funding is subject to an appropriation in the Budget Act of 2025, and therefore is not included in the initial contract allocations.

[AB 116 \(Chapter 41, Statutes of 2023\)](#) established a revised Family Fee Schedule that became effective October 1, 2023. Families with an adjusted monthly family income below 75 percent of the state median income shall not be charged or assessed a family fee. The attachments display the full FY 25-26 allocation by contractor, including funding for the revised Family Fee Schedule. For additional information regarding the restructured Family Fee Schedule, please refer to [CCB 23-22](#). The Fiscal Year 2025-26 CCB related to Family Fees is forthcoming.

[SB 140](#) amends [WIC Section 10213.5](#) to redefine part-time care as care certified for a child for fewer than 25 hours per week instead of 30 hours per week. Full-time care is redefined as care certified for a child for 25 hours or more per week instead of 30 or more hours per week. An annualized allocation is provided to agencies affected by this policy change to cover the cost of transitioning these children from part-time status to full-time status. The attachments display the full FY 25-26 allocation by contractor, including funding for the redefinition of Full-time care. For additional information, please refer to [CCB 24-04](#).

Claiming

The terms Project Cost Account (PCA) and Service Location (SL) codes are interchangeable and represent the same funding source. Effective July 1, 2024, CDSS utilizes and displays coding that pertains to CDSS only. Therefore, a PCA/SL number that begins with a "1" is designated as state general funds and a PCA/SL beginning with a "2" is designated as federal funds. Please note, contract numbers are still to be determined.

Attachment I displays the initial allocation for CAPP. 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 PCAs:

Project Cost Account/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. Funding is comprised of General Fund and CCDF. CMAP program costs should be claimed to the following PCAs:

Project Cost Account/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. Funding is comprised of General Fund and CCDF. CFCC program costs should be claimed to the following PCAs:

Project Cost Account/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](#). An update to the Fiscal Handbook is forthcoming for the upcoming FY 2025-26.

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
0000002401	ALAMEDA CO SOCIAL SERVICES AGY	\$4,411,799
000000B325	BANANAS INC	\$16,427,265
000000B376	COMM CHILD CARE COORD CNCL OF ALAMEDA	\$22,298,781
000000B388	HIVELY	\$17,739,063
000000U243	THE DAVIS ST COMM CNTR INC	\$7,007,995
000000N852	VALLEY OAK CHILDRENS SERVICES INC	\$9,909,759
000000X675	THE RESOURCE CONN OF AMADOR & CALAVERAS	\$4,438,377
0000001006	COLUSA COE	\$3,907,227
000000H860	COCOKIDS, INC.	\$54,452,315
0000002207	CONTRA COSTA CO EMPL/HUMAN SVC	\$13,201,794
000000X707	DEL NORTE CHILD CARE COUNCIL	\$1,632,071
000000N604	CNTRL VLY CHILDRENS SVCS NTWK	\$2,089,679
000000J162	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES INC	\$34,273,995
0000001011	GLENN COE	\$5,373,070
000000B205	CHANGING TIDES FAMILY SERVICES	\$10,092,328
0000001013	IMPERIAL COE	\$8,506,487
0000001014	INYO COE	\$2,415,724
0000001015	KERN CO SUPT OF SCHOOLS	\$62,913,466
000000P155	KINGS COMMUNITY ACTION ORG INC	\$9,373,554
0000001018	LASSEN COE	\$1,079,515
000000G090	CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER INC	\$248,572,116
000000N616	CHILDRENS HOME SOCIETY OF CAL	\$152,873,609
0000002187	CITY OF NORWALK	\$1,451,637
000000Y908	CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN	\$9,186,105
0000002219	LA COUNTY DEPT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SVCS	\$42,158,709
000000B749	CRYSTAL STAIRS INC	\$67,598,676
000000T292	DREW CHILD DEV CORP INC	\$9,269,101
000000B460	INTL INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES	\$1,853,454
000000B763	MEXICAN AMER OPP FOUNDATION	\$50,277,972
000000J852	OPTIONS FOR LEARNING	\$35,038,875
000000Y628	PATHWAYS LA	\$18,421,548
0000006490	POMONA USD	\$36,923,149
000000B509	COMM ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF MADERA CNTY	\$8,077,726
000000F228	MARIN CHILD CARE COUNCIL	\$6,405,456
0000002221	MARIN CO HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS	\$885,073
000000B514	NORTH COAST OPPORTUNITIES INC	\$8,978,911
0000001024	MERCED COE	\$17,059,433
000000N984	TRAINING EMPL & COMM HELP INC	\$1,690,777
0000001026	MONO COE	\$1,164,466
000000B524	COMM RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN	\$9,203,166
000000H910	SIERRA NEVADA CHILDRENS SERVS	\$3,009,755
0000001030	ORANGE CO DEPT OF EDUCATION	\$119,001,846
0000001031	PLACER COE	\$20,450,565
000000N674	PLUMAS RURAL SERVICES	\$2,053,085
0000001033	RIVERSIDE COE	\$229,163,486
000000J388	CHILD ACTION INC	\$56,005,721
000000T007	CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOC INC	\$85,377,376
000000H945	YMCA OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY	\$67,892,449
000000B610	CHILDRENS COUNCIL SAN FRANCISCO	\$19,389,275
0000002238	DEPT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD	\$2,425,535
000000B620	FAM RESOURCE & REFERRAL CTR OF SAN JOAQ	\$24,529,091
000000B621	COMM ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF SLO CNTY INC	\$8,987,553
000000M232	CHILD CARE COORD CNCL OF SAN MATEO CNTY	\$19,977,432
0000002241	SAN MATEO CO HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$3,502,819

INITIAL ALLOCATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM (CAPP)

AGENCY CODE	AGENCY NAME	TOTAL MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT
000000B845	CHILDREN'S RESRC & REF OF SANTA BARBARA	\$22,527,869
0000001042	SANTA BARBARA COE	\$40,996,521
000000B655	CATALYST FAMILY INC.	\$4,228,610
000000X358	CHILD DEVELOPMENT INC	\$38,617,807
000000B649	GO KIDS INC	\$39,565,084
0000001045	SHASTA COE	\$14,174,934
000000J803	SISKIYOU CHILD CARE COUNCIL	\$3,112,362
000000B689	SOLANO FAMILY & CHILDREN'S COUNCIL INC	\$34,628,541
000000B822	COMM CC CNCL OF SONOMA CO	\$19,076,324
000000B883	RIVER TO COAST CHILDREN'S SVCS	\$2,236,608
0000002249	SONOMA CO HUMAN SERVICES DEPT	\$1,287,744
0000001050	STANISLAUS COE	\$39,670,465
000000N677	HUMAN RESPONSE NETWORK	\$786,667
0000001054	TULARE COE	\$19,915,038
000000N235	INFANT/CHILD ENRICHMT SVCS INC	\$4,454,040
000000B715	CHILD DEV RES OF VENTURA CO INC	\$37,310,882
TOTAL		\$2,002,989,707

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
0000001025	MODOC COE	\$290,917
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
TOTAL		\$54,436,607