



## Child Development Associates

*Our mission is to encourage and support the success and well-being of children, families, and the child care community.*

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### COVID-19 Update

On June 29, 2020, Governor Newsom signed the FY 2020-21 California State Budget. The budget reflects California's commitment to support families and child care providers through the COVID-19 pandemic with similar funding levels as last year, reimbursement based on certified need and additional funds for provider stipends and more child care slots.

While this is good news, CDA must receive direction from the California Department of Education (CDE) before we can implement any policies or new practices due to the Budget Act. CDE has made the commitment to inform Alternative Payment Programs as quickly as possible so we can in turn implement any new policies and communicate with providers and families.

Even though some policies may continue due to the new budget, several policies that were implemented or waived due to the COVID-19 emergency will resume to pre-COVID guidance effective July 1, 2020. These are as follows:

- **Non-Operational Days**

Effective July 1, 2020 providers may only be reimbursed up to 10 non-operational days per fiscal year. Providers must declare these days in advance on the CDA form: Non-Operational Days Request for Reimbursement FY 2020-21.

- **Provider Closures**

Effective July 1, 2020 providers who close due to COVID-19 or any other reason are no longer eligible for reimbursement 30 days while closed.

- **Parent Signatures**

Attendance records **MUST** be signed at the end of each month by both the parent and provider. Warning letters for missing signatures will resume being issued with July 2020 attendance records.

- **Family Fees**

Effective July 1, 2020 family fees will resume for families who had a family fee assessed prior to COVID-19. However an updated family fee schedule effective July 1, 2020 has been released by CDE. CDA staff have begun the process of evaluating each family's income documentation on file to determine if their fee will decrease and if so, will issue Notice of Actions reflecting the reduced fee. **Families may or may not see a reduction in their fees but no family will have an increase.**

Families who may have had a change in their income or authorized hours of need and would like to have their fee re-evaluated based on updated income documentation or authorized hours should contact their child care eligibility specialist.

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