



## Alternative Payment Program

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### Fiscal Year 2021-22 Program Update #1 - Family Fee Waivers

Child Development Associates (CDA) has been notified by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that family fees **will be waived for all families** from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**1. What does this mean for families?**

Starting with July 2021 child care services all families who are assessed a family fee **will not** have to pay family fees to their child care provider. (Please note: Families may still be responsible for co-payments and should discuss this with their child care provider.)

**2. What does this mean for child care providers?**

Child care providers should not collect family fees from families starting July 2021 through June 2022. CDA will reimburse child care providers **without deducting family fees** from their reimbursements beginning with July 2021 attendance records.

**3. What if the provider has already collected family fees for July 2021?**

If the child care provider has already collected fees for July 2021, those family fees should be refunded to the family. CDA will not deduct family fees from providers' reimbursements beginning with July 2021 attendance records.

**4. When should families expect to pay family fees again?**

The family fee waivers expire June 30, 2022. Family fees will resume July 1, 2022.

**5. Will CDA issue new NOAs and Certificates to show fees are zero?**

No, CDA is still required to assess family fees and report what is being waived to CDSS. If a family has a family fee, their NOA, Certificate and attendance records will continue to reflect fees.

**6. How should attendance records be completed if there is a fee assessed?**

If a family has an assessed fee reflected on any July 2021 through June 2022 attendance records, the provider can leave the field blank or write zero for the fee collected.

**If you have any questions regarding this notice please contact your Child Care Eligibility Specialist or Provider Specialist.**