



Alternative Payment Program

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Fiscal Year 2022-23 Program Update #5- Reimbursement Rate Supplements for Licensed Child Care Centers

What is happening?

The State of California has allocated funding to provide temporary one-time reimbursement rate supplements to **licensed child care centers** who accept Alternative Payment Program subsidy vouchers as stated in Child Care Bulletin (CCB) 22-26.

The reimbursement rate supplements are funded in part by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2) Child Care Stabilization funds and intended for providers to use for one or more of the following purposes:

- Personnel costs, benefits, premium pay, or recruitment and retention
- Rent or mortgage payments, utilities, facilities maintenance and improvements, or insurance
- Personal protective equipment, cleaning and sanitization supplies and services
- Training and professional development related to health and safety practices
- Purchases of or updates to equipment and supplies to respond to COVID-19
- Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume child care services
- Mental health supports for children and employees

Are all providers eligible for the reimbursement rate supplement?

Only **licensed child care centers** who served and were reimbursed for AP children in the month of October 2021 are eligible.

***Please note:** Family Child Care Home (FCCH) providers are eligible for Family Child Care Supplemental Rate Payments issued by the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Information on these payments may be found [here](#).*

How will licensed child care centers receive the rate supplement?

CDA will issue a one-time, lump-sum reimbursement rate supplement to eligible **licensed child care centers**.

CDA will issue the payment directly to recipients via direct deposit to the bank account on file. This payment will not show in "CareConnect Provider." Each recipient will receive a confirmation letter from CDA for their records.

How much will each licensed child care center receive?

Supplemental rate amounts will be calculated based on the number of children served in the month of October 2021 at a rate of \$823.00 per child.



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Is there a requirement to receive the supplement?

Yes. CDA may **ONLY** distribute supplemental rate payments once CDA has verified the eligible center has completed a revised American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA) survey for **EACH** child care license they possess.

Why is an ARPA survey required?

Federal rules require that recipients of funds appropriated for Child Care Stabilization Grants pursuant to ARPA, must provide information via a one-time survey **before payments are distributed**.

All child care providers who have received or will receive any ARPA Child Care Stabilization funds must complete the **revised** survey.

Where can I find more information on the required ARPA survey?

CDSS has created a dedicated [ARPA Survey Webpage](#) for child care providers with information and FAQs regarding the survey. The ARPA survey is available on the webpage and child care providers can begin completing the survey immediately.

How will I know my ARPA survey has been received by CDSS?

Providers will receive an email confirmation for each survey completed. Providers are asked to save the email confirmation in the event CDA needs a copy.

When will licensed child care centers receive the reimbursement rate supplement payments?

CDA must receive the funds from California Department of Social Services (CDSS) before any supplemental rate payments are made. At this time CDSS has not indicated when the funds will be released.

Once funds are received from CDSS, CDA will issue payments no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after CDA has confirmed that the revised ARPA survey has been completed by the licensed child care center.

For all of us at CDA, we appreciate the important work child care providers do and acknowledge the increasing costs to run your business. We are very pleased to help increase your compensation through these reimbursements. If you have any questions regarding this update please contact CDA's ARPA Survey Team at ARPA Surveys@cdasd.org or (619) 427-4411 Ext. 9101.