



Alternative Payment Program

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Fiscal Year 2022-23 Program Update #6- Sixteen (16) COVID-19 Paid Non-Operational Days Effective September 27, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Paid COVID-19 related non-operational days approved for child care providers

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom signed AB 185 on September 27, 2022, which authorizes an **additional sixteen (16) paid COVID-19 related non-operational days** to licensed and license-exempt child care providers serving subsidized children.

These newly approved paid non-operational days **may only be used** when the child care provider's **local public health** department guidelines recommend that they self-quarantine or self-isolate.

A child care provider **may not use these days** if they independently decide to self-quarantine or self-isolate when local public health department guidelines do not recommend it.

What does this mean for my child care program?

If a child care provider must close their program because they need to self-isolate or self-quarantine, as recommended by the San Diego County Public Health Department, they may receive reimbursement for up to sixteen (16) COVID-19 related non-operational days.

These non-operational days may only be used between September 27, 2022 and June 30, 2023 **if**:

- the provider is closed due to COVID-19 self-quarantine or self-isolation

AND

- when the self-quarantine or self-isolation is recommended by local public health department guidelines

These sixteen (16) paid COVID-19 related closure days **are in addition** to the ten (10) non-operational days currently allowed for providers who have contractual terms on file with CDA requiring non-subsidized families to pay for closure days (*Title 5 Sections 18076.2 and 18074*).

How do I know if my local public health department recommends self-quarantine or self-isolation?

Currently, the San Diego County Public Health Department does recommend self-quarantine or self-isolation and the most current order dated July 6, 2022 can be found [here](#).

Child care providers should routinely check the San Diego County Public Health Department recommendations to ensure they are up to date on the most current guidance.



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Can I be paid for a non-operational day if I need to close my program to clean and disinfect?

No, the only allowable usage of the paid sixteen (16) **non-operational days** is if the child care provider has to self-isolate or self-quarantine themselves as recommended by the local public health department.

What if I had a COVID-19 related closure before September 27, 2022?

AB 185, signed by Governor Gavin Newsom, is effective the date signed, which was September 27, 2022. Any COVID-19 related closures prior to September 27, 2022 **are not** eligible for reimbursement.

How do I get paid for the sixteen (16) COVID-19 related non-operational days?

To receive reimbursement for a COVID-19 related non-operational closure day providers **MUST**:

- Be closed due the provider's self-quarantine or self-isolation only and if recommended by the local public health department guidelines
- Report to their Provider Specialist the dates they are closed due the COVID-19
- Note on the attendance records the COVID-19 related closure with "**Closed due to COVID-19 self-quarantine/isolation**"

Note: Only those days where the provider has to self-quarantine or self-isolate as recommended by the local public health department are eligible to be paid.

Can families use an Alternate Provider when I must close due to COVID-19?

Yes, a parent may use an Alternate Provider if their primary provider has to close due to COVID-19 self-quarantine or self-isolation. The parent must notify their Childcare Eligibility Specialist **immediately to request** an Alternate Provider.

Note: CDA is not able to approve child care retro-actively, including an alternate provider when needed due to COVID-19.

If you have any questions regarding this update please contact your Specialist at [\(619\) 427-4411](tel:6194274411).