



Alternative Payment Program

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May 4th, 2023

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Program Update #10- AB 179 One-Time Provider Stipends Funds Received by the California Department of Social Services

What is happening?

On May 4th, 2023 CDA received the funds from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to issue the AB 179 One-time Stipends to eligible child care providers.

CDA staff will begin the process of issuing the stipends and eligible providers will receive their payment no later than 45 calendar days from the date of May 4th, 2023.

Are all providers eligible for the AB 179 one-time stipend?

As required in AB 179, only those child care providers who had subsidized children enrolled and received reimbursement for the month of April 2022 are eligible for the One-time Provider Stipend.

In addition to providing services in April 2022 the following criteria must also be met:

- Licensed child care providers and license-exempt centers **MUST** currently be open and in operation however do not have to currently serve subsidized children to receive the one-time stipend.
- Licensed-exempt Family, Friend, or Neighbor (FNN) child care providers must be **currently** serving at least one subsidized child to receive the one-time stipend.

What if I did not serve any children in April 2022?

Unfortunately AB 179 specifically designated a point in time (April 2022) to determine who would be eligible for the one-time provider stipends. If you did not provide child care services for at least one subsidized child in April 2022, you are not eligible for the One-time Provider Stipend.

What if my child care program is permanently closed?

The ARPA stabilization funds are intended to stabilize the child care field. CDA is prohibited from distributing funds to providers who are closed and not in operation.

What if I am a license-exempt Family, Friend, or Neighbor (FNN) and am no longer caring for any subsidized children?

The ARPA stabilization funds are intended to stabilize the child care field. If you are no longer caring for subsidized children, you would not be considered open and in operation and therefore not eligible for a One-time Provider Stipend. CDA is prohibited from distributing funds to providers who are closed and not in operation.



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How will child care providers receive the AB 179 One-time Provider Stipend?

CDA will issue a one-time lump-sum stipend payment directly to eligible child care providers via direct deposit or by check if the provider has opted out of direct deposit.

This payment will not show on the Explanation of Payment (EOP) in CareConnect Provider. Each eligible child care provider will receive a confirmation letter from CDA for their records. This letter will be available in your CareConnect Provider account under “documents.”

How much will each child care provider receive?

The One-time Provider Stipend will be calculated based on the number of children served and reimbursed in the month of April 2022 at a flat rate of \$1,442.00 per child. *For example, if you provided care for and received reimbursement for 5 children in April 2022, you would receive \$7,210.*

Is there a requirement to receive the One-time Provider Stipend?

Yes, providers must complete a revised American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) survey for **EACH** child care license they possess. CDA must verify each eligible child care provider has completed a survey **before payments are distributed**.

License-exempt child care providers must complete one survey.

What if I haven't completed the required ARPA survey?

The ARPA survey is available on CDSS's dedicated [webpage](#) and if child care providers have not already done so, should complete the survey immediately to ensure prompt payment.

The **deadline** to complete the survey is June 1, 2023 and any provider who has not completed the survey by that date will not receive a One-time Provider Stipend payment.

When can I expect my one-time provider stipend payment?

CDA has already begun the process to issue the one-time provider stipends and all eligible providers with a verified ARPA survey will receive their lump sum payment within 45 calendar days, however we expect most providers will receive their stipend sooner.

From all of us at CDA, we appreciate your patience as the state has worked through the process of dispersing the stipend funds to CDA. If you have any questions about this notice or your eligibility for the AB179 stipend please contact our please contact CDA's APRA Survey team at (619) 427-4411 ext. 9101 or ARPAsurveys@cdasd.org.