



Alternative Payment Program

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Fiscal Year 2023-24 Program Update #4-Third Round of Stipends for Providers Who Cared for Subsidized Children in April 2022

What is happening?

The state of California has determined that there are unspent *Federal American Rescue Plan Act* (ARPA) funds that are to be issued to child care providers in a **third round of stipends in the amount of \$275.00 per subsidized child who received reimbursement for the month of April 2022**, with the intent to continue to support California's child care and development workforce.

Are all child care providers eligible for the third round of stipends?

All currently **open** child care providers who had subsidized children enrolled and received reimbursement for the **month of April 2022** are eligible for the third round of stipends.

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

Are there any other requirements to receive the third round stipend?

Yes, providers must have completed a revised ARPA survey for **EACH** child care license they possess. License-exempt child care providers **MUST** have **completed** one survey.

CDA has already completed the verification process for all eligible child care providers and those that have completed an ARPA survey will receive the third round 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 permanently closed and not in operation.

My program already received the AB 179 stipend and AB 110 reimbursement rate supplement. Are we eligible to receive the third round of stipend too?

Yes, this third round stipend is an **additional** payment. Funding for the third round stipend comes from *unused federal relief funds* that were reallocated to support child care providers. If you meet the "eligible" criteria listed above, you are eligible for the third round stipend, as this is an additional payment.



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How will child care providers receive the third round stipend payment?

CDA will issue the third round 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 the CareConnect Provider portal. Each eligible child care provider will receive a confirmation letter from CDA for their records.

How much will each child care provider receive?

The third round stipend payment will be calculated based on **the number of children served and reimbursed for the month of April 2022 at a flat rate of \$275.00 per child**. For example, if you provided care for and received reimbursement for 5 children for April 2022, you would receive \$1,375.00.

When will child care providers receive the third round stipend?

CDA has received the funds from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and staff have begun the process of preparing each provider's payment. CDA will be issuing the third round of stipends on **October 19, 2023**.

CDA is pleased to be able to provide these additional funds to support you in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions about your third round stipend payment or anything in this update, please contact CDA's ARPA Survey Team at **(619) 427-4411 ext. 9101** or ARPAveys@cdasd.org.