



## Alternative Payment Program

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### Fiscal Year 2023-24 Program Update #6- Reimbursement Based on Maximum Certified Need Regardless of Attendance Extended through June 30, 2025

#### What is happening?

Child Development Associates (CDA) has received guidance from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) via Child Care Bulletin (CCB) 23-21 that per Senate Bill (SB) 140 reimbursement for child care services will continue to be made based on a child's maximum certified hours of care regardless of attendance through **June 30th, 2025**.

On July 12, 2023 CDA had issued [Fiscal Year 2023-24 Program Update #1](#) stating the policy was pending full ratification of an agreement with the State of California and Child Care Providers United (CCPU). The agreement was subsequently ratified by CCPU on July 31, 2023 and the policy is in full effect through June 30, 2025.

#### What does this mean?

State law authorizes CDA to continue to reimburse providers based on each child's certified need regardless of attendance as follows:

- For children certified with a variable schedule, reimbursement shall be based on the maximum authorized hours of care as reflected on the certificate. The actual reimbursement will be the provider's invoiced amount or the Regional Market Rate Ceiling (RMRC), whichever is less.
- For children with a license-exempt provider, reimbursement shall be based on the maximum authorized hours of care as reflected on the certificate. The actual reimbursement will be the RMRC as stated on the certificate.
- For children certified with a set schedule, reimbursement shall be based on the maximum authorized hours of care as reflected on the certificate. The actual reimbursement will be the provider's invoiced amount or the RMRC, whichever is less.

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

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