



July 21, 2025

Fiscal Year 2025-26
**Program Update #1- Child Care Centers: Increase in Per Child
Cost of Care Plus Rate Payment**

What is happening?

Senate Bill (SB) 120 authorized an **increase** in the per child Cost of Care Plus Rate (COC+R) Payment for child care centers effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

How much is the new per child rate?

The new rate is \$174.00 per child.

When does the new rate apply?

Centers will receive the increased per child Cost COC+R Payment beginning July 2025, and through June 30, 2026.

I submitted attendance records for a month prior to June 2025. What rate will be applied?

The old rate of \$160.00 per child will be applied to any attendance record(s) for child care provided between December 2023 and May 2025.

How will I know if my center received the per child COC+R Payment?

The COC+R payment is identified as a separate line item on your Explanation of Payment (EOP) that can be viewed in [CareConnect Provider portal](#).

My child care center recently received the June 2025 child care payment and it does not reflect the new per child rate, what must I do to receive the correct rate?

On July 8, 2025 CDA received direction from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) regarding the increased COC+R Payment and some child care payments had already been processed at the old rate.

CDA staff are in the process of creating adjustments for those centers who did not receive the full \$174.00 per child payment for June 2025. Adjustments will be issued on July 29, 2025 in a special payment that can be viewed on your EOP.

I have questions about the COC+R Payment. Who can I speak to?

If you have any questions regarding this notice or the COC+R Payment your center receives, please contact your Provider Specialist at (619) 427-4411.