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Fiscal Year 2025-26
Program Update #3-Cost of Care Plus Rate Increase and One-Time Payment

This update ONLY applies to Licensed Family Child Care Homes and License-Exempt Family, Friend, and Neighbor providers.

What is happening?

Senate Bill (SB) 151 has authorized two (2) funding changes for Licensed Family Child Care Home (FCCH) and License-Exempt Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) providers as part of an agreement between the State of California and the Child Care Provider Union (CCPU). These changes are:

- 1. An increase to the Per-Child Cost of Care Plus (COC+) Rates
2. A Cost of Care Plus (COC+) One-Time Payment

Information about the increased Per-Child COC+ Rates

What are the increased Per-Child COC+ Rates?

Table with 2 columns: Provider Type and Rate. Licensed Family Child Care Home: \$174.00 per child; License-Exempt FFN Provider: \$122.00 per child.

When are the new Per-Child COC+ Rates effective?

The increased Per-Child COC+ Rates is effective January 2026 and will be applied to child care payments for service months December 2025 through June 2028.

If a provider submits Attendance Records for a month prior to December 2025, what rate will be applied?

The old COC+ rate (\$160 or \$112) per-child will be applied to reimbursements for Attendance Record(s) for child care provided between December 2023 and November 2025.



Information about the COC+ One-Time Payment

What is the COC+ One-Time Payment for?

The COC+ One-Time Payment is a lump sum payment to reflect the increase in the Cost of Care Plus Rate for July 2025 through December 2025 payment months.

Who is eligible for the COC+ One-Time Payment?

Licensed Family Child Care Home and License-Exempt FFN providers who were **reimbursed for April 2025 subsidized child care services** will receive the COC+ One-Time Payment.

How is the COC+ One-Time Payment calculated?

The COC+ One-Time Payment is based on a per-child rate that will be calculated based on the number of children the provider was reimbursed for April 2025 subsidized child care services.

What are the per child rates for the COC+ One-Time Payment?

Licensed Family Child Care Home	\$84.00 per child
License-Exempt FFN Provider	\$60.00 per child

When will child care providers receive the COC+ One-Time Payment?

The COC+ One-Time Payment will be issued **no later than January 1, 2026**. This payment will be issued separately from regular child care reimbursements via direct deposit **or** check if the provider has opted out of direct deposit and **will not** be reflected on the Explanation of Payment (EOP) in CareConnect Provider Portal. A **separate statement** will be issued reflecting the total COC+ One-Time Payment amount, the number of children, and the per child rate used.

I have questions, who can I speak to?

If you have any questions regarding these updates, please contact your Provider Specialist at (619) 427-4411.