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Department of Social Services—Fiscal Year 2025-26 Provisional Notification of Budget Adjustment

Pursuant to Provision 4 of Item 5180-101-0001 of the Budget Act of 2025 (Chapter 104, Statutes of 2025) the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received a request from the Department of Social Services for the purpose of increasing General Fund expenditure authority to provide timely funding to contractors for Cost of Care Plus payments to child care providers for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026-27. The request would increase expenditure authority of Schedule (3) of Item 5180-101-0001 by \$216,714,000 for this purpose in 2025-26.

Finance concurs with the necessity of this change to the approved budget.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Tamar Weber, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-6423.

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