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Temporary Reimbursement Rate Supplements to Licensed Child Care Centers Accepting Subsidy Vouchers

Chapter 2, Statutes of 2022 (SB 115) appropriates \$43,400,000 one-time federal funds in fiscal year 2021-22, available over two fiscal years, to provide temporary reimbursement rate supplements to licensed child care centers accepting subsidy vouchers, and requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to determine a methodology in consultation with the Legislature for distributing the funding in a fair and equitable manner.

Pursuant to SB 115, the determined methodology shall be implemented no sooner than 30 days after notification in writing to the chairpersons of the fiscal committees in each house of the Legislature and the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, or not sooner than whatever lesser time the chairperson of the joint committee, or their designee, determines is appropriate. Pursuant to these requirements, the proposed payments are outlined below, as determined by DSS in consultation with legislative staff and approved by the Department of Finance. As permitted by SB 115, the Administration requests a waiver of the required 30-day waiting period to expedite the distribution of stipends to providers.

A one-time, lump-sum payment will be issued in calendar year 2022 to child care centers who served children enrolled in voucher-based child care and development programs in October 2021. Payments will be calculated based on the number of children served in that month and range from \$700 to \$1,031 per child depending on provider region. Regions are identified as Northern, Bay Area, Central, Los Angeles, and Southern. DSS determined this methodology to be the most feasible and aligned with the intent of the funding.

County Breakout by Region

- Northern Counties (\$700 per child): Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba.
- Bay Area Counties (\$1,031 per child): Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Sonoma.
- Central Counties (\$741 per child): Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, and Tulare.
- Los Angeles County (\$930 per child)
- Southern Counties (\$823 per child): Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

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