



Child Care and Development Rate
Reform and Quality Update
ECPC Meeting
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Central Operations Branch

- CCDD is excited to announce the appointment of Jackie Barocio as the new Branch Chief of the Central Operations Branch



Program Quality and Improvement Branch

CCDD is excited to announce the appointment of Karen Chang as the new Branch Chief of the Program Quality and Improvement Branch



Rate Reform and Quality Updates:

July 2024 CCDF State Plan Submission

Next Steps in the Process

Ongoing Public Input on Rate Reform

July 2024 CCDF State Plan Submission

On July 1, the Department submitted its **2025-2027 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan** to the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

The Plan contains:

- An alternative methodology status update and timeline.
- A plan to set new rates under alternative methodology by July 1, 2025.
- An analysis of the extent to which provider payments have kept pace with inflation.



California Alternative Methodology



March – August 2023

Federal Pre-Approval

State obtained required pre-approval from federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to use proposed alternative methodology.

July – October 2023

Data Collection

State conducted data collection process, including surveys, focus groups, and ad hoc sessions.

Winter 2023 – Spring 2024

Cost Model Development

State used data to develop a dynamic cost estimation tool. Using information from the tool, a Joint Labor Management Committee has worked to define the elements of the base rate and enhanced rates to inform the single rate structure.

July 1, 2024

State Submits Information

State submits to ACF necessary information to support use of single rate structure utilizing alternative methodology.

Fall 2024 – Summer 2025

Rate Setting and Planning*

Following ACF approval, rate setting and implementation planning through negotiations between the State and Child Care Providers United (CCPU) union and state budget development process.

Public Engagement continues throughout the alternative methodology process

- Rate & Quality Workgroup and Advisory Panel
- Early Childhood Policy Council
- State Plan hearings



Find out more! Go to:

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-care-and-development/rate-reform-and-quality>

* ACF requires the State to set payment rates based on the alternative methodology no later than July 1, 2025. Rates will take effect when any other activities reasonably necessary to implementation have occurred, such as regulatory and policy guidance, training for contractors, and updates to contracts and necessary data systems.

Ongoing Public Input on Rate Reform



- Public RQAP meetings will be held quarterly in FY 24-25.
- Focus groups for center-based programs are meeting now.
- The Early Childhood Policy Council holds quarterly public meetings at which rate reform is discussed.
- Public-facing inbox for comments on the single rate structure: singleratesstructure@dss.ca.gov



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