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Notice to Providers and Parents
Re: Distance Learning Reimbursement

The California Department of Education, Early Learning and Care Division (CDE) has provided clarification regarding reimbursement for school aged children who are using care for longer hours due to distance learning.

The CDE reports that due to the COVID crisis we are able to reimburse child care providers for the care they provide while children participate in distance learning.

Regulations do not normally allow for reimbursement during scheduled instructional hours; since K-12 distance learning does not provide supervision for children, the CDE does not consider it to be scheduled instructional minutes for the purposes of reimbursing providers.

Therefore, providers will be reimbursed for care provided during the time a school-age child is participating in K-12 distance learning and attending their child care program during the typical school hours.

If the child is participating in a hybrid model (in-person instruction and distance learning) the reimbursement to the provider will only be for the time that the child is not receiving in-person instruction.

Please note that Child Action, Inc. cannot pay for tuition for any children enrolled in a private school. Reimbursement for care at private schools may only be for the hours outside of the private school hours and only if the provider has a charge for the before and/or after school care that is not included in the private school tuition rate.

We want to thank all of Sacramento County’s providers who have remained flexible during COVID, including those who are expanding their programs and providing important resources to families in a time of great need.

We appreciate your support and dedication to our community.