



## **Senate Bill 117: COVID-19 Guidance on Apportionment, Attendance, and Reporting Requirements**

Below you will find the most recent Management Bulletin (20-04) from the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding temporary changes to apportionment, attendance, and reporting requirements for state-subsidized Early Learning programs during the COVID-19 epidemic. These rules, which were approved by the Legislature as part of Senate Bill (SB) 117, will be in effect until June 30, 2020, unless rescinded earlier by order of the Governor.

This Bulletin applies to the Alternative Payment Program (CAPP), Migrant Child Care (CMIG and CMAP), California State Preschool Program (CSPP), General Child Care (CCTR), Family Child Care Home Education Networks (CFCC), Care for Children with Severe Disabilities (CHAN), and CalWORKs Stages 1, 2, and 3 (C1AP, C2AP, and C3AP) programs.

### Early Edge Key Takeaways from the Bulletin:

- The CDE encourages those that can safely provide care to continue to do so.
- The deadline to submit the February 2020 monthly report or March 2020 quarterly report has been extended to May 20, 2020.
- Child Development and Nutrition Fiscal Services (CDNFS) will continue to process monthly apportionment payments to contractors.
- For Center-based contractors, COVID-19 can be considered a family emergency. Contractors may include absences due to COVID-19 as excused absences.
  - Center-based contractors that have closed can find more information in [Management Bulletin 10-09](#).
- Alternative Payment (AP) contractors must reimburse providers that have closed and are not providing services for up to 30 days after closure.
- AP providers who remain open shall be reimbursed based on the certified need/certificate regardless of attendance.

For more detailed information, please review [Management Bulletin 20-04](#) in full.