CDE Update: Guidance for Serving School-Age Children During Distance Learning

Regulations do not allow CalWORKs Stage 2 (C2AP), CalWORKs Stage 3 (C3AP), California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP), California Migrant Alternative Payment Program (CMAP), and Family Child Care Home Education Network (CFCC) contractors to reimburse providers during “scheduled instructional minutes” of a public or private educational program that the child is enrolled and attending.

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 shall be reimbursed for care during the time a school-age child is participating in K-12 distance learning and attending their child care program or provider during the typical school hours.

The ELCD will be revising Management Bulletin (MB) 20-15 to include this clarification. If you have questions, please contact your assigned Program Quality Implementation Regional Consultant on the ELCD Consultants Regional Assignments website at https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/assignments.asp.