CDE Management Bulletin 21-08:
Updated Enrollment Requirements for Alternative Payment (AP) Contractors

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Current and New Enrollment

- Services for families who are currently enrolled in Emergency Child Care through California Alternative Payment Programs (CAPP) and California Migrant Alternative Payment Programs (CMAP) may be extended until June 30, 2022.
  - For families whose temporary Emergency Child Care services are being extended, contractors may either issue families a Notice of Action (NOA), or a letter notifying them of the extension of services. A letter template is available.
- New families may be enrolled in Emergency Child Care through June 30, 2022 as long as they meet the eligibility criteria (in priority order):
  - Child is at risk of abuse or neglect.
  - Child is receiving services through the Foster Care Bridge Program.
  - Children experiencing homelessness.
  - Children of domestic violence survivors.
  - Children of Essential Workers.
  - Priority 1: Health Care and Emergency Services.
  - Priority 2: Food and agriculture, teachers, education and child care providers and staff, and kitchen and other support staff; workers supporting critical infrastructure, state and local government workers, communications and information technology (IT), energy, transportation and logistics, critical manufacturing, hazardous materials, financial services, and chemical sectors.
  - Priority 3: All other essential workers.
  - Children with disabilities or special health care needs.
- New families of essential workers and at-risk populations that need temporary Emergency Child Care must submit a self-certification form.
- All families enrolled in temporary Emergency Child Care must be assessed a monthly family fee.

Transitioning Temporary Emergency Child Care to Ongoing Child Care Services

- To the extent possible, AP contractors should transition children who are enrolled in temporary Emergency Child Care into ongoing (non-Emergency) subsidized AP programs if they have sufficient funds to do so. Contractors should enroll families in ongoing care using the standard certification process.
AP contractors must prioritize families that were enrolled in temporary Emergency Child Care before July 1, 2020, for ongoing subsidized child care, prior to any other new enrollments.
  ○ Contractors must prioritize children at risk for abuse and neglect for enrollment in ongoing subsidized care.
  ○ Second priority goes to those demonstrating lowest income in relation to family size.

For more information, view Management Bulletin 21-08.