



CDE Update: Income Ranking Table and Error Code WI129 in the Child Development Management Information System

The Child Development Management Information System (CDMIS) team has received multiple inquiries from contractors stating that the Income Ranking Table, provided in [Management Bulletin \(MB\) 21-09](#), at 100 percent of the State Median Income (SMI) does not align to the income eligibility allowed in CDMIS for families enrolling in the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) whose income is no more than 15 percent above the income eligibility threshold pursuant to the California *Education Code (EC)* Section 8209(a)(2). ***The CDE recognizes that 100 percent of the SMI listed on the Income Ranking Table, and 15 percent above the income eligibility threshold do not align, and wants to assure contractors that this is correct because these two things are not calculated the same.***

For context, the CDE includes up to 100 percent of the SMI on the Income Ranking Table because some contractors serve children in a CSPP who come from families that exceed the income threshold and need to know how to prioritize these families. For example, contractors may enroll children who exceed the income threshold when their CSPP operates within the boundaries of an elementary school where 80 percent of students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals.

This means that families that are deemed eligible based on this provision of law can have income that is no more than 15 percent above 85 percent of the SMI. Below is an example of what that looks like when calculating the income threshold for those families with a family size of four.

For a family size of four:

Monthly income eligibility threshold (85 percent of the SMI): \$7,441

15 percent of income eligibility threshold: $\$7,441 \times 0.15 = \$1,116.15$

Max income for 15% above income eligibility threshold: $\$7,441 + \$1,116.15 = \mathbf{\$8,557.15}$

This is the reason that contractors using the income listed as 100 percent of the SMI (\$8,755) on the Income Ranking Table to determine eligibility are getting error messages when inputting information into the CDMIS.

As a reminder for all contractors, per the directive in MB 21-09, contractors must:

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- Use the Schedule of Income Ceilings, in the body of the MB itself, to determine income eligibility.
- Only use the Income Ranking Table when determining priorities for enrollment, not when determining eligibility.