



Child Care Bulletin (CCB) 22-04: CalWORKs Stage One Child Care Program

[Senate Bill 80](#) and [Assembly Bill 121](#) increased access to child care services by providing immediate and continuous eligibility in CalWORKs Stage One Child Care. CCB 22-04 provides additional guidance and clarification for the CalWORKs Stage One Child Care Program.

Through federal and state laws, children are allowed to be served in CalWORKs Stage One Child Care programs through age 12. In order for children to receive services through the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), the child must be under 13 years of age at the time of eligibility determination or redetermination, per federal rules. However, California allows for services to be provided to individuals up to age 21 through state funds.

With CalWORKs Stage One Child Care, participants with a dependent child who is 12 years of age or under in the household (or requires care or supervision to a physical, mental, or developmental disability as verified by the county welfare department, or who is under court supervision) will have be eligible for paid child care. Children who have turned 13 years old at the time of certification/recertification will be considered ineligible for subsidized child care services, with limited exceptions.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Child Care Policy and Development Bureau at (916) 657-2144 or by email at CCPB@dss.ca.gov.

For more details, view [Child Care Bulletin 22-04](#).