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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**CHILD CARE BULLETIN (CCB) NO. 22-12**

The purpose of this Child Care Bulletin (CCB) is to notify counties and child care and development contractors of the revised Schedule of Income Ceilings and Income Ranking Table to be used to determine a family's income eligibility for state subsidized child care and development programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23.



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GUIDANCE TYPE: DIRECTIVE

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS  
ALL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: REVISED STATE MEDIAN INCOME (SMI) CEILINGS AND  
INCOME RANKING TABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022-23

APPLICABLE PROGRAMS: ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAMS  
MIGRANT ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAMS  
MIGRANT CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
GENERAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME EDUCATION NETWORKS  
CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN  
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS  
CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO  
KIDS (CALWORKS) STAGES ONE, TWO, AND THREE

REFERENCE: [WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTION 10271](#)  
AND [WIC SECTION 10271.5; FY 22-23 INCOME RANKING](#)  
[TABLE](#)

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Child Care Bulletin (CCB) is to notify counties and child care and development contractors of the revised Schedule of Income Ceilings reflecting the State Median Income (SMI) and Income Ranking Table for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 applicable to all direct service and voucher-based child care and development contracts administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The updated

Schedule of Income Ceilings is used to determine a family's income eligibility for state subsidized child care and development programs for FY 2022-23. The updated Income Ranking Table is used to determine an income-eligible family's priority for enrollment in state subsidized child care and development programs for FY 2022-23.

**Background**

In accordance with [WIC Section 10271.5\(c\)](#), the California Department of Finance annually recalculates the SMI, based on the most recent census data and pursuant to a specified formula, and provides updated data to CDSS.

**Guidance**

Schedule of Income Ceilings

The following Schedule of Income Ceilings must be used in determining income eligibility for families initially certified or recertified on or after July 1, 2022.

**State Fiscal Year 2022-23 Schedule of Income Ceilings (85 percent of SMI)**

Family Size	Family Monthly Income	Family Annual Income
1-2	\$6,008	\$72,095
3	\$6,842	\$82,102
4	\$7,941	\$95,289
5	\$9,211	\$110,536
6	\$10,482	\$125,782
7	\$10,720	\$128,641
8	\$10,958	\$131,499
9	\$11,196	\$134,358
10	\$11,435	\$137,216
11	\$11,673	\$140,075
12	\$11,911	\$142,934

Source: 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample File

**Note:** SMI ceilings are calculated by multiplying the SMI for a family of four by the ratio for the appropriate family size used in the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and specified in federal regulations at paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 96.85 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Existing Enrollment and Priority Policy

[Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\) Section 10271\(b\)](#) requires contractors to enroll families into CDSS-administered child care and development programs in priority order. The first priority shall be given to children who are identified as neglected or abused who are recipients of child protective services, or children who are at risk of being neglected, abused, or exploited upon written referral from a legal, medical, or social services agency.

The second priority for enrollment is for income-eligible families, with families who have the lowest gross monthly income in relation to family size receiving the highest priority. For purposes of determining initial and ongoing income eligibility, [WIC Section 10271.5](#) defines “income eligible” as when a family’s adjusted monthly income is at or below 85 percent of the SMI, adjusted for family size. Please see [Section 18078\(a\) of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations](#) for the definition of “adjusted monthly income”. CDSS requires the use of an Income Ranking Table to determine enrollment priorities for income-eligible families.

Income Ranking Table

Effective July 1, 2022, contractors must use the revised [FY 22-23 Income Ranking Table](#) when determining enrollment priorities for families.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Child Care Policy and Development Bureau at [ccpb@dss.ca.gov](mailto:ccpb@dss.ca.gov), or contact your assigned CCDD, [PQI Branch Child Development Consultant](#).

Sincerely,

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