

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



September 15, 1998

ALL COUNTY LETTER 98-67

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHILD CARE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: FAMILY FEE SCHEDULE

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the revised Family Fee Schedule that became effective on September 1, 1998. This schedule reflects an upward adjustment in monthly family incomes that is derived from the State Median Income (SMI) as determined by the Department of Finance (DOF) for 1998-99. All families must have their fees assessed according to this revised schedule no later than October 1, 1998. The California Department of Education has provided this information to child development programs in Management Bulletin No. 98-19

**BACKGROUND**

Education Code Section 8263(f) authorizes the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a fee schedule for families utilizing child care and development services pursuant to Chapter 2 (Sections 8200 et seq.) of Part 6 of Title 1 of the Education Code. This schedule applies to child care and development services, including California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) child care funded by the California Department of Education and the California Department of Social Services. If there are families in CalWORKs Stage One with a child protective services case, the family shall be charged a fee according to the attached schedule, unless the referring protective services worker recommends a waiver of the fee. Families with incomes less than 50 percent of the SMI have no fees assessed.

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

***Definition of Enrollment Periods***

Note that there is a change in the definition of enrollment periods. Full-time care is now enrollment for six or more hours per day, while part-time care is enrollment for less than six hours per day. For reimbursement of providers effective July 1, 1998, your agency should follow the instructions provided in the letter dated May 27, 1998, from the Education Finance Division, transmitting the 1998 Regional Market Rate Survey. It is correct for agencies to have already implemented the new definitions for part-time and full-time care for reimbursing providers, as they were effective July 1, 1998. If the new definitions were simultaneously applied to determination of family fees, that is acceptable. If the new definitions have not yet been applied to the family fee schedule, that action should be implemented at the same time you implement the attached fee schedule, which is effective September 1, 1998, but no later than October 1, 1998.

If you have any questions pertaining to this letter, please contact your Child Care Programs Bureau Analyst at (916) 657-2144.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By  
Bruce Wagstaff on 9/15/98***

BRUCE WAGSTAFF  
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Welfare to Work Division

Attachment

**FAMILY FEE SCHEDULE**  
**September 1998**

Family Pays			Family Size and Income Level										
Hourly *	Part-time	Full-time	1-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0.20	1.00	2.00	1755	1881	2090	2424	2758	2821	2884	2946	3009	3072	3134
0.25	1.25	2.50	1825	1956	2173	2521	2868	2934	2999	3064	3129	3194	3260
0.30	1.50	3.00	1896	2031	2257	2618	2979	3046	3114	3182	3250	3317	3385
0.35	1.75	3.50	1966	2106	2340	2715	3089	3159	3230	3300	3370	3440	3510
0.40	2.00	4.00	2036	2181	2424	2812	3199	3272	3345	3418	3490	3563	3636
0.45	2.25	4.50	2106	2257	2507	2909	3310	3385	3460	3535	3611	3686	3761
0.53	2.63	5.25	2176	2332	2591	3006	3420	3498	3576	3653	3731	3809	3886
0.60	3.00	6.00	2247	2407	2675	3102	3530	3611	3691	3771	3851	3932	4012
0.68	3.38	6.75	2317	2482	2758	3199	3641	3723	3806	3889	3972	4054	4137
0.75	3.75	7.50	2387	2558	2842	3296	3751	3836	3922	4007	4092	4177	4263
0.83	4.13	8.25	2457	2633	2925	3393	3861	3949	4037	4125	4212	4300	4388
0.90	4.50	9.00	2527	2708	3009	3490	3972	4062	4152	4243	4333	4423	4513
0.98	4.88	9.75	2598	2783	3092	3587	4082	4175	4268	4360	4453	4546	4639
1.01	5.05	10.10	2633	2821	3134	3636	4137	4231	4325	4419	4513	4607	4701