

COVID-19 Public Health Support Funds for Child Care

Program history: This program started in July 2020 to support child care providers with costs associated with implementing public health guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was funded with federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) funding, approved by the Legislative Advisory Commission. Funds were made available on a non-competitive basis to provide all eligible child care providers who have been operating and serving children. The program was extended in October 2020 with CRF funds for October, November and December.

Bill 7SS-AM006: Proposes to extend the Public Health Support Funds for Child Care for December, January and February. Because there were insufficient CRF funds for eligible providers to receive full payments in December, it pays the difference for December, and provides full payments for January and February.

Eligibility: Programs eligible include licensed family child care, licensed centers, and certified centers. Programs must be operating and serving children, have increased costs or lost revenue as a result of following public health guidance, have a license or certification in good standing, and not have had a finding of fraud.

Proposed monthly payment amounts by program type:

- Licensed family child care providers receive \$1,200 per month
- Licensed centers receive \$8,500 per month
- Certified centers receive \$3,000 per month

Data: During the payment cycles of July, August, and September 2020, 7,046 unique programs received funds. In the October payment cycle, 8,364 programs received funds. Data is not yet available for November or December.

Table 1. Number of programs receiving funds by month

Month	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Certified Centers	Total Programs
July 2020	5,797	1,167	84	7,044
August 2020	5,777	1,165	82	7,024
September 2020	5,751	1,162	0	6,913
October 2020	6,316	1,536	512	8,364

Table 2. Amount of funds by program type by month

Month	Family Child Care	Child Care Centers	Certified Centers	Total Funds
July 2020	\$6,951,600	\$9,919,500	\$714,000	\$17,585,100
August 2020	\$6,932,400	\$9,902,500	\$697,000	\$17,531,900
September 2020	\$6,901,200	\$9,877,000	0	\$16,778,200
October 2020	\$7,579,200	\$13,056,000	\$1,536,000	\$22,171,200
Total Funds	\$28,364,400	\$42,755,000	\$2,947,000	\$74,066,400