

Management Bulletin 08-17

Child Development Division

Subject: Updated Child Development Income Ceilings	Number: 08-17
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Attention: All Program Directors of Child Development Programs

Purpose

The purpose of this Management Bulletin (MB) is to advise child development program directors that the California Department of Education (CDE) has received an updated State Median Income (SMI) from the California Department of Finance (DOF) and has revised income eligibility levels for all child care and development subsidized programs effective January 1, 2009. This MB also supersedes the income ceilings in MB 07-13.

Background

EC Section 8447(e) requires the DOF to provide the CDE with an updated SMI each year. While DOF did provide an updated SMI, they subsequently advised CDE this number was incorrect. DOF provided CDE with a revised SMI amount after the last income ceilings were released which indicate a reduction in SMI. The Schedule of Income Ceilings has been recalculated based on the revised SMI amount.

Policy

Effective January 1, 2009, contractors are to use the following income ceiling table to determine the maximum income eligibility by family size. Program directors are to continue utilizing the current family fee schedule as noted in MB 06-19 (effective January 1, 2007). For an eligible family whose income exceeds the family fee schedule, contractors are to use the fees for 75 percent of the SMI on the current family fee schedule so that the family pays the maximum fee for their respective family size.

The revised SMI amount is lower than the previous schedule and thus the income ceilings are also slightly lower. Income eligibility for any new case should be determined using the revised table. The new income ceilings should be applied to any recertifications, reported changes in income, or if an agency otherwise becomes aware that income has increased at the time the activity occurs, but no later than December 31, 2009.

Schedule of Income Ceilings for Child Care and Development Programs

Family Size	Family Monthly Income	Family Yearly Income
1-2	\$3,474	\$41,688
3	\$3,722	\$44,664
4	\$4,135	\$49,620
5	\$4,797	\$57,564
6	\$5,459	\$65,508
7	\$5,583	\$66,996
8	\$5,707	\$68,484
9	\$5,831	\$69,972
10	\$5,955	\$71,460
11	\$6,079	\$72,948
12	\$6,203	\$74,436

If you have any questions regarding the new income eligibility levels, please contact your assigned field services consultant.

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