

May 8, 2020

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Section 36.00—Amended Augmentation to Support Child Care Providers and Essential Workers

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 36, Chapter 2, Statutes of 2020, a request to provide funding for COVID-19 related child care services was submitted on April 10, 2020, and a concurrence dated April 13, 2020 letter was received. The augmentation increased Schedule 11 of Item 6100-194-0001 of the 2019 Budget Act by \$50 million to provide non-local educational agency child care providers reimbursement for the purchase of gloves, face coverings, cleaning supplies, and/or labor related to cleaning in accordance with COVID-19 emergency public health and safety guidance. The funds were to be allocated by the Department of Education to child care Resource and Referral agencies for distribution.

The Department of Education subsequently submitted a request to the Department of Finance to further amend Schedule 11 of Item 6100-194-0001 of the 2019 Budget Act to allow allocation of these funds to agencies other than Resource and Referral agencies. Following the issuance of the notification referenced above, the Department rescinded a contract with a Resource and Referral agency; that agency, which is the only one of its type in its county, is no longer eligible to receive state funds. To ensure that child care providers in the affected county receive the COVID-19 funding, the Department would like to allocate the funding through the local county office of education. Amending the language as shown below would provide the Department with the flexibility to ensure payments are allocated to the child care providers in this county in a timely manner.

“\$50 million to Schedule 11 of Item 6100-194-0001 for the Department of Education to provide non-local educational agency child care providers, which remained open or intend to reopen during the COVID-19 emergency, a flat-rate allocation based on capacity as reimbursement for the purchase of gloves, face coverings, cleaning supplies, and/or labor related to cleaning in accordance with federal, state, and local COVID-19 emergency public health and safety guidance. The funds appropriated in this item shall be allocated by the Department of Education **primarily** to Resource and Referral agencies for distribution according to a schedule to be provided by the Department of Education and approved by the Department of Finance. **The**

Department of Education may designate another agency to distribute these funds to child care providers if the Resource and Referral agency in the area is determined by the Department of Education to be unable to allocate the funds."

We concur with the necessity of these changes to the original request and will be approving the changes not sooner than 72 hours from the above date.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please contact Jeff Bell, Program Budget Manager, at Jeff.Bell@dof.ca.gov or 916-445-0328.

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