

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**



**FAMILY COST PARTICIPATION PROGRAM GUIDE**

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4783 implemented the Family Cost Participation Program (FCPP) on January 1, 2005. This law requires some families to share in the cost of Respite, Day Care, and Camping services. No other services are affected.

Only families that meet the following conditions are identified for FCPP participation:

- The child has a developmental disability or is eligible for services under the California Early Intervention Services Act;
- Children are ages 0 through 17 years old;
- Children live at home;
- Children are not Medi-Cal eligible; and
- Family income is at or above 400% of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines based upon family size.

The share of cost for these services is called “family cost participation” (FCP). The Regional Center will pay its portion of the total cost for the service to the service provider and the family will pay their FCP amount directly to the service provider. The Respite, Day Care, or Camping service providers cannot charge the family a higher rate for the service than the rate paid by the Regional Center.

The Regional Center in your area will provide answers to questions about how the law impacts you specifically and help you to determine your family’s cost participation amount.

If there is more than one minor child living in the parents’ home, or in a 24-hour out-of-home placement, who are not Medi-Cal eligible, and receiving services and supports paid for by the Regional Center, the family’s cost participation amount is adjusted as follows:

- For two children, ages 0 through 17, the rate will be reduced by **25 percent for each child living at home** for Respite, Day Care, and Camping services.

- For three children, ages 0 through 17, the rate will be reduced by **50 percent for each child living at home** for Respite, Day Care, and Camping services.
- For four children, ages 0 through 17, the rate will be reduced by **75 percent for each child living at home** for Respite, Day Care, and Camping services.
- For More than four children, ages 0 through 17, the family will **not be required to participate in the program for Respite, Day Care, and Camping services.**

### **What To Expect From Your Regional Center**

Your Regional Center will:

- notify you if you qualify under the FCPP guidelines.
- notify you of the amounts you must pay based on the attached table.
- ask you to provide proof of your gross annual income within ten (10) working days from the date you sign your child up to receive the service.
- advise you of your family cost participation amount within ten (10) working days of the receipt of your completed paperwork.

### **Things Parents Must Do:**

1) You will need to verify your gross annual income for the Regional Center. This proof of income can include:

- Copies of your W-2 Wage Earners Statement, or
- Your payroll stubs, or
- A copy of last year's State income tax return, or other records, and
- Proof of all your other income.

You must give this information to the Regional Center within ten (10) working days from the date that you sign the completed IPP or IFSP. **If you do not provide this income information to the Regional Center, you may have to pay the maximum share of cost amount (100%) for the cost of the service(s).**

2) You must also:

- Notify the Regional Center when your family income changes so your cost participation amount may be adjusted.
- Notify the Regional Center when the size of your family changes as this may affect the amount of your cost participation.
- Pay your cost participation amount directly to the Respite, Day Care, and/or Camping service provider.

### **Family Cost Participation Assessment:**

Your family cost participation is the amount you must pay for services. The family cost participation is figured on a sliding scale from ten (10) percent to 100 percent, based on the number of persons living in the family home and your family's income. Your family's income must be at 400 percent or more of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines. Please see the attached Family Cost Participation Assessment Schedule for more information.

### **Calculating The FCP Amount:**

To calculate your family's rate of participation you will need to know the number of persons living in the family home and your gross annual income. You can get your income amounts from your most recent Federal or State income tax return, W-2 form, payroll stub, or other records. Use the Family Cost Participation Assessment Schedule and do the following:

1. Find the column for the number of persons living in the family home.
2. Find the income amount closest to, but not more than, your total annual income.
3. Read the line titled, "% FCP", sideways to the left. The number in the "% FCP" column is the percentage share of cost (FCP) that you must pay.
4. Multiply the number of units/hours for Respite, Day Care, and Camping Services, as shown in the Regional Center IPP or IFSP, by the number in the "% FCP" column. This will give you the number of units/hours of service that you must pay for.

(Each unit of service has a dollar cost. The unit of service that you pay for is your cost participation [FCP]. The Regional Center will pay the service provider the remainder of the cost, if applicable.)

5. Your total annual FCP amount cannot exceed:
  - a) \$6,400 annually, if the child is age 0 through 6;
  - b) \$7,000 annually, if the child is age 7 through 12; and,
  - c) \$7,900 annually, if the child is age 13 through 17.

### **Appeal Process:**

For parents of children birth to age three, the Early Start mediation and due process procedures will be used to resolve an error in calculation of the cost participation rate or to appeal an adjustment to the rate based on financial hardship. For more information visit

[http://www.dds.ca.gov/Complaints/Complt\\_ESHR.cfm](http://www.dds.ca.gov/Complaints/Complt_ESHR.cfm).

For parents of children ages three through 17, there are two appeal processes: one for an error and one for an adjustment to the rate requested by the family based on financial hardship. First, if the parents believe there is an error in the amount calculated for their share of costs they may appeal within 30 days, in writing, to the regional center's executive director. If they are not satisfied with the executive director's decision, they may appeal within 15 days to the Director of the Department of Developmental Services. The second appeal process is for parents that request an FCPP adjustment from the regional center's executive director based on financial hardship as described in California Code of Regulations section 50265 . If parents wish to appeal the executive director's decision on their adjustment, they may appeal within 15 days to the Director of the Department of Developmental Services.

## FAMILY COST PARTICIPATION ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Effective October 1, 2008

%FCP*	Number of Persons Living In The Family Home								
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10%	\$56,000	\$70,400	\$84,800	\$99,200	\$113,600	\$128,000	\$142,400	\$ 156,800	\$ 171,200
10%	\$58,800	\$73,920	\$89,040	\$104,160	\$119,280	\$134,400	\$149,520	\$ 164,640	\$ 179,760
10%	\$61,600	\$77,440	\$93,280	\$109,120	\$124,960	\$140,800	\$156,640	\$ 172,480	\$ 188,320
10%	\$64,400	\$80,960	\$97,520	\$114,080	\$130,640	\$147,200	\$163,760	\$ 180,320	\$ 196,880
10%	\$67,200	\$84,480	\$101,760	\$119,040	\$136,320	\$153,600	\$170,880	\$ 188,160	\$ 205,440
11%	\$70,000	\$88,000	\$106,000	\$124,000	\$142,000	\$160,000	\$178,000	\$ 196,000	\$ 214,000
12%	\$72,800	\$91,520	\$110,240	\$128,960	\$147,680	\$166,400	\$185,120	\$ 203,840	\$ 222,560
13%	\$75,600	\$95,040	\$114,480	\$133,920	\$153,360	\$172,800	\$192,240	\$ 211,680	\$ 231,120
14%	\$78,400	\$98,560	\$118,720	\$138,880	\$159,040	\$179,200	\$199,360	\$ 219,520	\$ 239,680
15%	\$81,200	\$102,080	\$122,960	\$143,840	\$164,720	\$185,600	\$206,480	\$ 227,360	\$ 248,240
16%	\$84,000	\$105,600	\$127,200	\$148,800	\$170,400	\$192,000	\$213,600	\$ 235,200	\$ 256,800
17%	\$86,800	\$109,120	\$131,440	\$153,760	\$176,080	\$198,400	\$220,720	\$ 243,040	\$ 265,360
18%	\$89,600	\$112,640	\$135,680	\$158,720	\$181,760	\$204,800	\$227,840	\$ 250,880	\$ 273,920
19%	\$92,400	\$116,160	\$139,920	\$163,680	\$187,440	\$211,200	\$234,960	\$ 258,720	\$ 282,480
20%	\$95,200	\$119,680	\$144,160	\$168,640	\$193,120	\$217,600	\$242,080	\$ 266,560	\$ 291,040
25%	\$98,000	\$123,200	\$148,400	\$173,600	\$198,800	\$224,000	\$249,200	\$ 274,400	\$ 299,600
30%	\$100,800	\$126,720	\$152,640	\$178,560	\$204,480	\$230,400	\$256,320	\$ 282,240	\$ 308,160
35%	\$103,600	\$130,240	\$156,880	\$183,520	\$210,160	\$236,800	\$263,440	\$ 290,080	\$ 316,720
40%	\$106,400	\$133,760	\$161,120	\$188,480	\$215,840	\$243,200	\$270,560	\$ 297,920	\$ 325,280
45%	\$109,200	\$137,280	\$165,360	\$193,440	\$221,520	\$249,600	\$277,680	\$ 305,760	\$ 333,840
50%	\$112,000	\$140,800	\$169,600	\$198,400	\$227,200	\$256,000	\$284,800	\$ 313,600	\$ 342,400
55%	\$114,800	\$144,320	\$173,840	\$203,360	\$232,880	\$262,400	\$291,920	\$ 321,440	\$ 350,960
60%	\$117,600	\$147,840	\$178,080	\$208,320	\$238,560	\$268,800	\$299,040	\$ 329,280	\$ 359,520
65%	\$120,400	\$151,360	\$182,320	\$213,280	\$244,240	\$275,200	\$306,160	\$ 337,120	\$ 368,080
70%	\$123,200	\$154,880	\$186,560	\$218,240	\$249,920	\$281,600	\$313,280	\$ 344,960	\$ 376,640
75%	\$126,000	\$158,400	\$190,800	\$223,200	\$255,600	\$288,000	\$320,400	\$ 352,800	\$ 385,200
80%	\$128,800	\$161,920	\$195,040	\$228,160	\$261,280	\$294,400	\$327,520	\$ 360,640	\$ 393,760
85%	\$131,600	\$165,440	\$199,280	\$233,120	\$266,960	\$300,800	\$334,640	\$ 368,480	\$ 402,320
90%	\$134,400	\$168,960	\$203,520	\$238,080	\$272,640	\$307,200	\$341,760	\$ 376,320	\$ 410,880
95%	\$137,200	\$172,480	\$207,760	\$243,040	\$278,320	\$313,600	\$348,880	\$ 384,160	\$ 419,440
100%	\$140,000	\$176,000	\$212,000	\$248,000	\$284,000	\$320,000	\$356,000	\$ 392,000	\$ 428,000