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TO: ALL CHILD CARE CENTER AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: **2026 BUDGET TRAILER BILLS AFFECTING CHILD CARE CENTERS AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 26-11-CCP provides a summary and implementation information for recently chaptered Budget Trailer Bills relating to child care facilities, which were signed into law on June 29, 2026, and September 18, 2026.

This PIN is an informational resource offered to assist licensed child care facilities in ensuring the health and safety of children in care.

CHAPTERED BUDGET TRAILER BILL SUMMARIES

Assembly Bill (AB) 150 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2026), AB 152 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2026), and AB 190 (Chapter 257, Statutes of 2026) are budget trailer bills that were signed into law on June 29, 2026 (AB 150 and AB 152) and September 18, 2026 (AB 190). These bills make statutory changes necessary to implement the state budget.

This PIN summarizes the statutory changes made in AB 150, AB 152, and AB 190 and describes what child care facilities (child care centers and family child care homes) need to do to maintain health and safety for children in care and remain in compliance with licensing laws.

The following summaries are provided for informational purposes. There may be other legislation and requirements outside of those included in this PIN which may apply to

licensed child care facilities. Please be aware of and follow all requirements that may apply. The Community Care Licensing Division's Child Care Program may use any of the oversight and enforcement activities currently available to ensure compliance with the statutes below, as applicable, based on their effective dates.

AB 150, Chapter 25, Statutes of 2026 and **AB 190, Chapter 257, Statutes of 2026**

Temporary Absence Requirements for Family Child Care Homes

AB 150 added and AB 190 amended Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 1597.63 to specify when a Family Child Care Home (FCCH) licensee may be temporarily absent when children in care are present and what requirements must be met when a substitute adult provides care during that time.

The Department is authorized to develop interim licensing standards, or similar instructions, which shall have the same force and effect as regulations until regulations are adopted, in order to implement the changes in the law.

What This Means for Family Child Care Homes

A licensee may be temporarily absent from the FCCH during its hours of operation for no more than **twenty (20) percent of the total hours** that the facility provides care **in a calendar month**. If the facility continues to operate during the licensee's absence, the licensee must arrange for a substitute adult who meets all legal requirements below.

Before a substitute adult may provide care, the licensee must ensure that the substitute adult:

- Has a criminal record clearance or exemption. (See HSC section 1596.871.)
- Has completed health and safety training, including pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, and preventive health practices. (See HSC section 1596.866)
- Has required immunizations for influenza, pertussis, and measles. (See HSC section 1597.622.)

Before any temporary absence, the licensee must provide written notice to parents or legal guardians of each child in care. If advance notice is impractical due to emergency circumstances, written notice must be provided no later than the next business day following the temporary absence. The licensee shall maintain documentation of compliance for temporary absences.

Medication Administration

AB 150 amended HSC section 1596.798 related to the administration of medications to children in licensed child care facilities. The amendments removed the word "inhaled," so that the provisions in this section now apply to **all** medications, and not

only those that are inhaled.

The Department is authorized to develop interim licensing standards, which shall have the same force and effect as regulations until regulations are adopted, in order to implement the changes in the law.

What This Means for Child Care Facilities

Child care facility licensees and staff may administer medications to children in care in accordance with HSC section 1596.798.

Anaphylactic Policy

HSC section 1596.7985 requires CDSS, in consultation with the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) and the State Department of Education (CDE), to establish an anaphylactic policy by July 1, 2027.

AB 150 amended HSC section 1596.7985 to require licensed child care facilities to comply with the anaphylactic policy on and after January 1, 2028. The bill also expanded the definition of an "epinephrine auto-injector" to include other epinephrine delivery systems approved for general use by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

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What This Means for Child Care Facilities

The change in the definition for "epinephrine auto-injector" means that any FDA-approved epinephrine delivery system, not just auto-injectors, may be used in accordance with the anaphylactic policy to treat a child who is suffering from or reasonably believed to be suffering from anaphylaxis.

Additionally, on and after January 1, 2028, a child care facility must comply with the anaphylactic policy developed by the Department.

Mandated Reporter Training Requirements

AB 150 amended HSC section 1596.8662 to remove the exemption for a licensed child care provider, applicant, administrator, or employee with limited English proficiency from complying with Mandated Reporter Training requirements if training is not made available in their primary language.

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regulations are adopted, in order to implement the changes in the law.

What This Means for Child Care Facilities

All licensees and staff who were previously exempt are required to complete Mandated Reporter Training and renew their training every two (2) years, regardless of their level of English proficiency.

Online, self-paced Mandated Reporter Training is available at mandatedreportertraining.com and is currently available in English, Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), and Vietnamese. The Department has also compiled a list of Alternative Mandated Reporter Trainings that are approved statewide and may offer additional language options.

If you were previously exempt and need support with completing Mandated Reporter Training to remain in compliance, please contact your local Child Care Licensing Regional Office for assistance.

Health and Safety Training Requirements

AB 150 and AB 190 amended HSC section 1596.866 to identify the following people who are required to have at least 16 hours of health and safety training (15 hours + 1 hour nutrition) and obtain and maintain training in pediatric first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by October 1, 2027:

- ***All*** staff providing care in a child care center,
- ***All*** licensees of a family child care home,
- ***All*** staff providing care in a family child care home, and
- ***Each*** substitute adult who provides care in a family child care home.

Additionally, beginning on October 1, 2027, ***all*** persons listed above must complete 12 hours of continuing education ***annually.*** The 12 hours of continuing education training must cover the following topics:

- Emergency and disaster preparedness and response planning
- Building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic
- Safe sleep practices and prevention of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)
- Prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment
- Transporting children safely
- Infectious diseases in children
- Prevention and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions
- Handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio-contaminants

- Administration of medication, consistent with parental consent

It is a condition of licensure for all required persons to complete the health and safety training and annual continuing education training.

The Department is authorized to develop interim licensing standards, or similar instructions, which shall have the same force and effect as regulations until regulations are adopted, in order to implement the changes in the law.

What This Means for Child Care Facilities

Effective October 1, 2027, all required individuals must complete at least 16 hours of health and safety training and maintain current pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR certifications.

Beginning on October 1, 2027, all required individuals must also complete at least 12 hours of annual continuing education from Department-approved sources and retain proof of completion.

Emergency and Disaster Plan Requirements

AB 150 added HSC section 1596.868 relating to emergency and disaster plan requirements.

As of January 1, 2027, ***all*** child care facilities shall be in compliance with HSC section 1596.868, including but not limited to all of the following:

- Have an emergency and disaster plan that meets the requirements specified in subdivision (a)(1)-(8).
- Provide training on the emergency and disaster plan to each new staff member and volunteer before they begin working or volunteering at the facility, and annually thereafter, as specified in subdivision (b).
- Conduct practice drills at least quarterly, as specified in subdivision (c).
- Review and update the emergency and disaster plan annually, as specified in subdivision (d).
- Have the information specified in subdivision (e) available during an emergency or disaster.
- Have a set of keys available during an evacuation, as specified in subdivision (f).
- Provide the emergency and disaster plan to parents, legal guardians, and local emergency responders when requested, as specified in subdivision (g).

An applicant for a child care facility license must submit an emergency and disaster plan that complies with HSC section 1596.868(a) with the license application.

A child care facility is encouraged to have local emergency authorities review their emergency and disaster plan.

What This Means for Child Care Facilities

Effective January 1, 2027, licensees are responsible for having an emergency and disaster plan on file that meets the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 1596.868. Licensees should ensure their plan is complete, current, and reflects the needs and operations of the facility.

Licensees are also responsible for training staff and volunteers on the emergency and disaster plan, conducting quarterly emergency and disaster practice drills with staff and volunteers, and maintaining records of those trainings and drills.

Additionally, applicants must include their emergency and disaster plan as part of the license application.

AB 152 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2026)

Electronic Signatures and Payments

AB 152 added Chapter 3.66 to Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, which allows users of Department information technology systems and services to use electronic signatures. The bill also allows users to make electronic payments to the Department for any fee or civil penalty.

What This Means for Child Care Facilities

When applicable and available, licensees may use an electronic signature for Department forms and documents and electronically pay for any fee or civil penalty assessed by the Department. If choosing to make a payment electronically, the user will be responsible for any associated payment processing costs like service fees, processing fees, transaction fees, convenience fees, and credit card surcharge fees.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/RESOURCES

The Department will communicate all new information to providers through Provider Information Notices (PINs). Please sign up to be notified of new PINs here and visit the Department's website for the latest PINs.

If you have any questions about this PIN, or about complying with any guidance that may conflict with the best interest of children in care, please contact your local Child Care Licensing Regional Office.

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Statewide Webinars:
December 15 - Child Care Licensing Webinars
Interpretation: Spanish, Chinese. *If you need another language, you can contact us within at least 2 weeks prior to the webinar.

Resources:

- Child Care Advocate Program Webpage
- Regional Office Online directory
- Community Care Licensing Website
- Resources for Providers
- Get Licensing Important Updates sign up and notices about webinars
- Provider Information Notices (PINs)
- Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement (CARE) Tools
- Title 22 Regulations
- Health & Safety Code
- Most Commonly Cited Deficiencies website has been updated
- Child Care Licensing Webinars
- Child Care Program Appeal Guides (Español, 中文)
- Care Provider Management Bureau (CPMB)
  Phone Operator: 1-888-422-5669 English and Spanish 1-916-754-4449
  Guardian@dss.ca.gov - for customer service questions
  GuardianLogInSupport@dss.ca.gov - for Guardian login questions
  Guardian Webpage
- Forms
- Facility Records:
  - LIC 311D (2/22) - Forms/Records To Keep In Your Family Child Care Home
  - LIC 311A (2/22) - Records To Be Maintained At The Facility - Child Care Centers, Infant Centers, School-Age Centers and Child Care Centers For Mildly Ill Children
- Blue Card (PM286), Children required immunizations, and other resources from CDPH (California Department of Public Health)

Updates:

2026 CCP

- PIN 26-11-CCP - 2026 Budget Trailer Bills Affecting Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes
- PIN 26-08-CCP - New Guidance for Providing Milk in Child Care Settings
- PIN 26-07-CCP - Notification of Available Early Start Service Offered Through the Department of Developmental Services
- PIN 26-06-CCP - Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELO-P) School-Age Implementation
- PIN 26-05-CCP - Statewide Lead Testing Data Map and Reminder of Funding Opportunities
- PIN 26-04-CCP - AB 495 Family Preparedness Plan 2025 Child Care Licensing Webinars

  Translations: Español | 中文 | 한국어 | հայկ | Tiếng Việt
- PIN 26-02-CCP - 2025 Chaptered Legislation Affecting Child Care Facilities

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2026 CCLD

- PIN 26-12-CCLD - New Facility Management System (FMS) Late FEE Review Guidance
- PIN 26-11-CCLD - Guardian Training Webinar for Licensees and Providers
- PIN 26-10-CCLD - Community Care Licensing Division Public Portal
- PIN 26-09-CCLD - **(Supersedes PIN 24-02-CCLD)** Updated Guardian & Background Check Best Practices
- PIN 26-08-CCLD - Live Scan Form Updates (LIC 9163, LIC 9163B, And TLR 9163G)
- PIN 26-05-CCLD - Clearance and Exemption Transfer Forms Updates
- PIN 26-02-CCLD - Employee Transfers (Mass Roster Transfers) Through the Regional Office
- PIN 26-01-CCLD - Upcoming Administrator Certification Bureau Webinar

Programa de Apoyo Técnico: recursos, apoyo y capacitación para proveedores

¿Qué es el TSP?
El Programa de Apoyo Técnico (Technical Support Program o TSP) es un servicio no obligatorio del Licenciamiento para Ofrecer Cuidado en la Comunidad para ayudar a los proveedores de cuidado infantil que tienen dificultades con el cumplimiento. Es GRATUITO y voluntario. El TSP no realiza inspecciones ni emite sanciones, sino que es una oportunidad de consulta para ayudar a los proveedores a clarificar los reglamentos del Título 22 y comprender las expectativas de licenciamiento.

El proceso del TSP:
El proceso del TSP consiste en una o varias consultas o formación informativas, virtuales o en persona, dirigidas por un analista del TSP con experiencia en licenciamiento. El objetivo de estos proyectos es ayudar a los proveedores a alcanzar y mantener el cumplimiento de leyes, reglamentos y con los estándares del licenciamiento provisional.

La participación del TSP incluye estos elementos para mejorar la calidad constantemente:

- ***Evaluación*** – Discusión y análisis de las preocupaciones y desafíos identificados que afectan al funcionamiento del centro.
- ***Consulta*** – Diálogo para compartir ideas de mejora y desarrollar estrategias centradas en lograr un cumplimiento sostenido e integral.
- ***Formación y Recursos*** – Formación sobre los reglamentos y recursos del Título 22 proporcionados sobre las guías legales, regulatorias y de mejores prácticas identificadas. Los centros pueden utilizar los recursos para supervisar su propio progreso para lograr y mantener el cumplimiento.

¿Cómo puede un proveedor acceder a los servicios del TSP?
Los servicios TSP se proporcionan mediante referencia de las oficinas regionales o propia. El primer punto de contacto es el analista del Programa de Licenciamiento (LPA).

¿Quién puede utilizar los servicios del TSP?
Cualquier proveedor que desee mantener su cumplimiento, mejorar su práctica y mejorar la calidad de su programa.



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Technical Support Program Training, Support, & Resources for Providers

What is TSP?
The Technical Support Program (TSP) is FREE, voluntary, and a non-enforcement service of Community Care Licensing to assist child care providers experiencing compliance challenges. TSP does not conduct inspections or issue citations; rather it's a consultative support opportunity to assist providers with clarification of Title 22 regulations and understanding of licensing expectations.

The TSP Process:
The Technical Support Program (TSP) process consists of a single or series of informative virtual or on-site consultations or training led by a TSP analyst with licensing expertise. The purpose of these engagements is to help providers achieve and maintain compliance with laws, regulations, and interim licensing standards.

TSP engagement includes these elements for continuous quality improvement:

- ***Assessment*** – Discussion and analysis of the identified concerns and challenges affecting the facility's operation.
- ***Consultation*** – Dialogue to share ideas for improvement and develop strategies, focused on achieving sustained, comprehensive compliance.
- ***Training & Resources*** – Training on Title 22 regulations and resources provided on identified statutory, regulatory, and best practice guidance. Facilities can use the resources to self-monitor their progress toward the goal of achieving and maintaining compliance.

How Does a Provider Access TSP Services?
TSP services are provided through referrals from the Regional Offices or via self-referral. The first point of contact is the Licensing Program Analyst (LPA).

Who can use TSP services?
Any Provider who would like to maintain compliance, improve their practice, and enhance the quality of their program.



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Are you looking to learn more about licensed child care in California?

The Child Care Advocate Program (CCAP) is here to help! Established in 1984, the CCAP links the Department of Social Services Child Care Licensing Program (CCLP) and the community.

The CCAP's mission is to promote the delivery of child care that meets the unique needs of each community we serve. As a parent, child care provider, employer, educator, or community group, you can count on the Child Care Advocates to provide information and resources about licensed child care.

Child Care Advocates participate in a variety of community activities and special projects to:

- Educate the public and parents about child care licensing,
- Serve as a liaison to child care resource and referral agencies,
- Build relationships with businesses, education groups, child care provider organizations, and other child care programs,
- Assist county government and community agencies in capacity-building and improvement efforts.

The CCAP is administered by the Child Care System's Coordination & Improvement Support Office of the Child Care Program under the Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division.



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