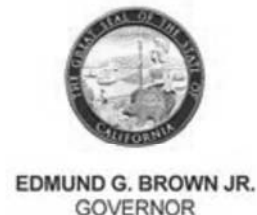




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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 17/18-45E

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES NEW SYSTEM  
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES  
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS  
ALL FOSTER CARE MANAGERS  
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICE PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: ERRATA TO CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE  
EMERGENCY CHILD CARE BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR FOSTER  
CHILDREN

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 17-109  
COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 17/18-45

This erratum provides interim claiming instructions for counties that have submitted and received approval of their county's plan for implementation of the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program (Bridge Program), and supersedes the assistance claiming instructions provided in CFL No. 17/18-45, dated December 27, 2017. These claiming instructions are in effect only for the remainder of FY 2017-18. Subsequent guidance will be forthcoming for the FY 2018-19 Bridge Program.

**Optional Program**

The Bridge Program is an opt-in program with capped funding that aims to increase the number of foster children successfully placed in home-based family care settings, increase capacity of child care programs to meet the needs of foster children in their care, and maximize funding to support the child care needs of eligible families. Counties

are not obligated to provide the resources and level of service beyond what is provided in the State General Fund (GF) allocation, but are encouraged to leverage other local and federal funding sources to tailor the availability of child care for eligible families to the specific needs of the county. These interim claiming instructions allow counties to draw down GF for federally eligible cases that would have otherwise drawn down Title IV-E funds for the federal share of costs.

### **Interim Claiming Instructions for FY 2017-18**

#### *Assistance Claiming*

Counties may provide child care payments for Title IV-E eligible cases using 100 percent GF until the GF allocation is expended, after which costs will be considered 100 percent county only funds. Counties should continue to claim child care payments/vouchers utilizing the claim forms and associated instructions attached to [CFL No. 17/18-45](#); however, for FY 2017-18, costs will be paid using the GF allocation. Sharing ratios for non-federally eligible children remain unchanged.

#### *Administrative Claiming*

There is no change to administrative claiming for the training and navigator components of the Bridge Program as outlined in [CFL No. 17/18-45](#).

Counties should direct any questions regarding these claiming instructions to the Fiscal Policy and Analysis Bureau at [fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov). Questions regarding the Bridge Program may be directed to [ChildCareBridge@dss.ca.gov](mailto:ChildCareBridge@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

#### ***Original Document Signed By:***

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