



Mendocino County
Department of Social Services
Healthy People, Healthy Communities

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Memorandum

Date: 04/03/2025

Division: Employment and Family Assistance Services

Contract Info: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stage One Child Care Amendment

Amount: \$645,000

Meeting Date: April 22, 2025

History:

Senate Bill 80, established in October of 2019, increased access to child care services for Welfare-to-Work participants by authorizing CalWORKs Stage One Child Care immediately and continuously for 12 months. Beginning July 1, 2025, the authorization period for Stage One Child Care will increase to 24 months, or until participant is transferred to Stage Two. With North Coast Opportunities administering Stage One Child Care, this contract will allow for the continued smooth transition between all three child care stages and alleviate any confusions for participants and community child care providers.

Funding:

Stage One Child Care Allocation.

Numbers served through this agreement:

CalWORKs Job Services participants are eligible for Stage One Child Care when they have a child under the age of 13 or up to age 21 with disabilities, in the home. From the end of the 23-24 contract to the first six months of the 24-25 contract, there has been a significant increase to Stage One Child Care usage, prompting for the need to amend the contract's budget. During January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, the average number of families receiving Stage One Child Care services were twenty-three, representing an average of forty-one children. From July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the average number of families receiving Stage One Child Care services were thirty-five, representing an average of fifty-two children.