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IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION

REGARDING TWO WEEK NOTICE

The Parent and Provider Handbook states that "If a two week notice is specified in the provider's written contract, the child must attend during the two week notice period." In some situations, parents pull their children from care without giving a two week notice, or there is conflicting opinions between the parent and provider whether or not a two week notice was given.

The Parent & Provider Handbook also states that "Any disputes arising or liability resulting from the parent-provider contract shall not involve Stanislaus County in any way." The County however, has on occasions, paid both the new provider and the previous provider with the written contract requiring two weeks notice.

As per instruction/clarification from the California Department of Education referencing the Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, "There are no circumstances under which payment to more than one provider for the same period of service is allowed, nor does the agency have legal authority to make dual payments for the same period of service."

Effective immediately, under no circumstances will the County pay both the previous provider and a new provider for a <u>two week notice period</u>. The parent will be responsible to pay provider if there is a signed contract.

As a policy, the County will pay only the provider who actually provided care for the child(ren). Children must attend during a two week notice period.

Also, Child Care is now the "H" section. Please discard any forms you may have with the "X" or "X4". If you need replacements please call the child care info line (209) 558-2332 and leave your request(s). One of our staff will mail you the updated forms with the "H" on them.

Thank you, Child Care Unit





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