

DATE: January 21, 2026

CCS Information Notice: 26-01

TO: All California Children's Services Administrators

SUBJECT: California Children's Services Monitoring and Oversight

PURPOSE

To support counties through California Children's Services (CCS) program administrative fiscal challenges, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is temporarily making CCS Monitoring and Oversight (M&O) funding fully available to all counties without restrictions.

DHCS will continue to monitor counties to ensure consistent care with strategic compliance oversight to preserve and improve the overall health and care of the CCS population. If counties are unable to submit requested logs on a voluntary basis, DHCS will report the compliance results as "not available" for compliance activities that utilize logs to capture compliance results. DHCS may conduct desk, virtual, and/or onsite surveys on existing CCS responsibilities and grievances to determine county CCS program compliance and appropriate grievance resolution. In situations where performance challenges persist, DHCS is committed to partnering with counties by offering technical assistance and engaging in continuous quality improvement efforts to help strengthen program outcomes.

BACKGROUND

On May 8, 2025, DHCS notified county CCS programs that the CCS California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) M&O Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was deferred from July 1, 2025, to a date yet to be determined. On September 3, 2025, DHCS communicated with counties that they must complete optional M&O quarterly and annual reporting activities to be eligible to invoice for additional CCS M&O funding. Counties could have voluntarily

participated in providing Quarterly Reports for a total of 50% of their respective CCS M&O funding or chosen to participate in both the Quarterly and Annual Reports for a total of 100% of their respective CCS M&O funding.

COUNTY NOTICE

This Information Notice supersedes CCS M&O guidance provided on page 2 of CCS Information Notice 25-02, and the September 3, 2025, communication informing counties that quarterly and annual deliverables must be received by DHCS prior to receiving CCS M&O funding. DHCS is temporarily making CCS M&O funding fully available to all counties without restrictions, including voluntary submission of the reports.

For questions regarding this Information Notice, please contact CCSMonitoring@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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