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**DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98]** ( *Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.* )

**PART 1.8. Child Care and Development Services Act [10207 - 10492.2]** ( *Part 1.8 added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 260.* )

**CHAPTER 6. Migrant Child Care and Development Programs [10235 - 10238]** ( *Chapter 6 added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 260.* )

**10235.** The department shall administer all migrant child care and development programs. In addition, the department shall support and encourage the state-level coordination of all agencies that offer services to migrant children and their families and state-level coordination of existing health funds for migrants.

(*Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 260. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.*)

**10236.** (a) For the purpose of this chapter, a "migrant agricultural worker family" means a family that has earned at least 50 percent of its total gross income from employment in fishing, agriculture, or agriculturally related work during the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of application for child care and development services.

(b) Children of migrant agricultural worker families shall be enrolled in child development programs on the basis of the following priorities:

- (1) The family moves from place to place.
- (2) The family has qualified under paragraph (1) within the past five years and is currently dependent for its income on agricultural employment, but is currently settled near agricultural areas.
- (3) The family resides in a rural agricultural area and is dependent upon seasonal agricultural work.
- (4) Eligibility and priority for services for the federally funded Migrant Child Development Program shall be in accordance with the applicable federal regulations.

(*Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 260. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.*)

**10237.** The department shall develop appropriate migrant child care and development programs, quality indicators, including those prescribed in subdivisions (a) to (h), inclusive, and (k) to (m), inclusive, of Section 10208, and the following:

(a) Social services.

- (1) Bilingual liaison between migrant parents and the center or family child care home, or both.
- (2) Liaison between the agency and the relevant community agencies and organizations, including health and social services.
- (3) Identification and documentation of family needs and followup referrals as appropriate.

(b) Staffing.

- (1) Bilingual health personnel shall be available to each program site of a migrant child care and development agency.
- (2) Professional and nonprofessional staff shall reflect the linguistic and cultural background of the children being served.
- (3) Whenever possible, migrants will be recruited, trained, and hired in child care and development programs. Documentation of training and career ladder opportunities and of recruitment and hiring efforts shall be provided to the department. Staff training

shall include principles and practices of child care and development for the age groups of children being served.

(c) Health services in migrant child care and development programs shall include health and dental screening and followup treatment. Health records for all migrant children shall follow the child.

*(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 260. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.)*

**10238.** (a) Cost for migrant programs may exceed the standard reimbursement rate established by the department. In no case shall the reimbursement exceed the cost of the program. State-funded programs may be eligible for Chapter I federal funds to supplement state funding. These funds shall not be contingent upon the provision of additional child days or enrollment.

(b) The department shall annually reimburse seasonal migrant child care and development agencies for approvable startup and closedown costs. Reimbursement for both startup and closedown costs shall not exceed 15 percent of each agency's total contract amount.

(c) Seasonal migrant child care and development agencies shall submit reimbursement claims for startup costs with their first monthly reports, and reimbursement claims for closedown costs with their final reports.

*(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 260. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.)*