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TO: Child Care Providers and Parents  
 FROM: Crystal Stairs

### *How Does the State Budget Delay Affect You?*

Once again, the state Legislature and Governor failed to pass a state budget on time. Funding for many state services, including child development programs, cannot be released until the budget is signed by the Governor. **For providers with children enrolled on CalWORKs Stage 3 and non-CalWORKs Alternative Payment (AP) programs, this means we may not be able to pay your claims until the state budget is signed or we receive our funding.**

Here's a chart that shows the months in which providers will receive payments for each of our programs if they have submitted payment-ready Attendance Records and PPRs. A question mark means that we are only able to pay if the budget is signed or if we have received our funding.

#### **Providers Will Receive Checks from Crystal Stairs In:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
Stage 1	YES	YES	YES	?
Stage 2	YES	YES	?	?
Stage 3	YES	?	?	?
APP	YES	?	?	?

We will continue to send Attendance Records for all children enrolled on these programs. For the state budget passage delay period, providers will be **paid in full retroactively** when the funding is released. Submit these Attendance Records according to the regular monthly schedule. We will process and hold them so they are ready to pay when we receive our funding. Collect any parent fees owed by Stage 2, Stage 3 and AP parents.

This year's state budget deficit is one of the largest we've experienced in recent years. Proposed budget cuts are wide and deep. The Legislature and the Governor will have lengthy debates about what the final solution should be. But while all of this is going on, we know that **informed** providers and parents can take action, just as we at Crystal Stairs are.

- **Providers:** Talk to your staff now about ways you can save on expenses. Check with your bank for any financial assistance they may be able to offer you. Talk to all your parents about how the state budget debate and delay might affect your program.
- **Parents:** Talk to your provider now about how your services can continue if there's a long state budget delay.
- **Providers and Parents:** Make your voice heard and **contact the Governor's local office at (213) 897-0322** and your elected representatives and urge them to: (1) avoid any funding cuts to child care programs and (2) pass and sign a State Budget ASAP. Call our R&R Department at (888)-KIDS-247 for your local legislators' names and contact information or go to <http://www.lavote.net/OnlineDistrictmapApp>.

We will continue to keep you informed, but if you have other questions please call us at (323) 421-1087. As always, we thank you for your support and patience as we ALL deal with this uncertain and difficult situation.