

Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) Overview

- Helps low-income families with financial assistance for childcare; for children ages 0-13
- Eligible families are working, homeless, involved in TANF, involved in child welfare, searching for work, attending secondary education
- Counties are required to enroll families on TANF and child welfare even when on a waitlist or freeze
- Families are eligible from 185%, 225% or 245% Federal Poverty Level (determined from HB18-1335) and become ineligible once they reach 85% state median income
- This program is not an entitlement; however, once a family is enrolled they cannot be removed from the program until they are no longer eligible
- Serve 28,730 children statewide/year

CCCAP Issue:

- There has always been insufficient funding for this program - estimates are that Colorado only serves 9-11% of eligible families
- There has been a significant infusion of pandemic related one time funding from 2020-2024; these funds were completely exhausted as of September 2024
- Significant program changes are being required:
 - CDEC has audit findings they have to come into compliance with for existing program requirements
 - HB24-1223 is requiring some program changes
 - Federal changes will be coming with implementation requirements between 2024-2026
 - [Draft CDEC Implementation Memo and Cost Estimates](#)

CCCAP Proposed Budget:

- The Governor's proposed budget includes a request for CCCAP for \$11,537,439
 - This increase is a refinancing of federal funding and increasing the county match requirements; no additional state funds requested
- With the loss of pandemic related funding, there will be a net loss to the program (\$1.6M)

Table 4. Total CCCAP Funds Requested with County Proportional Allocation

Fiscal Year	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28 Ongoing
CCCAP Direct Services Required for Waiver	\$10,080,829	\$10,080,829	\$10,080,829
Infant/Toddler Payment Based on Enrollment	\$6,926,872	\$6,926,872	\$6,926,872
Parent Copays	\$3,153,957	\$3,153,957	\$3,153,957
<i>County Proportional Allocation (Cash Funds)</i>	<i>\$1,098,810</i>	<i>\$1,098,810</i>	<i>\$1,098,810</i>
<i>CDEC Share (Federal Funds)</i>	<i>\$8,982,019</i>	<i>\$8,982,019</i>	<i>\$8,982,019</i>
Additional CCCAP Request Items	\$1,456,610	\$1,456,610	\$2,763,220
Direct Services Increase	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Base County Proportional Allocation Proposed Increase	\$1,306,610	\$1,306,610	\$2,613,220
Total CCCAP Request	\$11,537,439	\$11,537,439	\$12,844,049
<i>Total CDEC Share (Federal Funds)</i>	<i>\$9,132,019</i>	<i>\$9,132,019</i>	<i>\$9,132,019</i>
<i>Total County Proportional Allocation (Cash Funds)</i>	<i>\$2,405,420</i>	<i>\$2,405,420</i>	<i>\$3,712,030</i>