California Community Colleges

MEMORANDUM
October 27, 2026

ESS 26-73 | Via Email

TO: Chief Student Services Officers
Chief Business Officers
Foster and Kinship Care Education Directors/Instructional Specialists

FROM: Mia Keeley, Dean of Student Services

RE: Fiscal Year 2026–27 Changes to the Foster and Kinship Care Education Program (FKCE) Federal Payment College Disbursements

---

This memorandum is to inform California Community Colleges Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) programs about upcoming changes to the federal funds' payment process. This change will not affect the FKCE program's state funds payment system.

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving operational efficiency and streamlining internal processes, the Chancellor's Office will transition back to the apportionment payment processing system for the disbursement of federal funds.

Effective Fiscal Year 2026–27, FKCE federal fund reimbursement payments will be processed through the apportionment system. Payments will be issued electronically through the State Controller's Office Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) apportionment system and physical checks will no longer be issued.

Please note: The final federal fund reimbursement payment for Fiscal Year 2025–26 will still be issued by physical check.

Federal apportionment payment reports will be available on the Chancellor's Office College Finance & Facilities Planning webpage.

Payment Schedule

The estimated schedule for federal fund payments is:

1. March 2027 for the first reimbursement payment, equivalent to 60% of the federal annual allocation. Community college programs with regional coordination allocations will also receive the full annual regional coordination allocation.
2. July 2027 for the second reimbursement payment, equivalent to 32% of the federal annual allocation.
3. March 2028 for the final reimbursement payment. Final payment is calculated based on the community college program's final expenditure reports:

- Community college programs with year-to-date payments that exceed their final expenditures will have excess funds withdrawn.
- Community college programs with final expenditures that exceed year-to-date payments will receive the pending payment.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we implement this improvement to enhance accuracy and efficiency in funding disbursement. Please direct any questions regarding this change to Rina Rojas at RRojas@CCCCO.edu and Thalia Marroquin at TMarroquin@CCCCO.edu

cc: Rina Rojas, Program Assistant of Educational Services and Support
Thalia Marroquin, Program Specialist of Educational Services and Support