

Project 3: Subsidized Child Care Assistance, CIP & LIEAP

SCCA Fund Management Q&A



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In this issue of the P3 Fact Sheet series we are happy to answer some of the most common Subsidized Child Care Assistance (SCCA) fund management questions, as submitted to NC FAST by counties! For additional information on fund management please see the Change Discussion Guide and P3 Fact Sheet Issue 5, January 2016.

Common Fund Management Questions

Q: How will tax levies be handled?

A: State level tax levies will be handled by the DHHS Office of the Controller outside of NC FAST, as they will be releasing payment to Providers.

Q: Will counties be required to serve children based on their funding authorization or will they have the ability to reserve funds for specific populations (i.e. CPS/CWS/WF)?

A: No, counties will not be required to spend all funds. It is acceptable for counties to reserve funds for specific populations.

Q: How will counties view information currently on the monthly turnaround/Child Reimbursement Summary?

A: There will no longer be a turnaround document, rather, the information will be available for the DSS/LPA via XPTR and the Providers will have access to the necessary case and payment information through the Provider Portal.

Q: Currently, children are “coded” for Smart-Start or non-Smart-Start funds when vouchers are entered. Will NC FAST automatically determine which children to apply Smart-Start funds to? Will NC FAST know the “rules” for Smart-Start funds?

A: In NC FAST there will no longer be “coding.” NC FAST will determine funding based on evidence entered on the application by the worker. Specifically, fund source details will be based on Student and Plan of Care evidences for the child.

Q: Before close-out each month, our county uses a spreadsheet to track spending. Each month, as many children as possible are coded for Smart-Start funding to spend as much of it as possible, as Smart Start does not want funds to be left over. Will NC FAST automatically do this?

A: Yes, the default ranking of funds is configured to spend the Smart Start dollars first. It is important to note that counties have the ability to modify this ranking if they desire. In addition, the LPA Fund Manager will have the ability to change an obligation on a case-by-case basis for future payments, if needed.

County Funds	If your county uses county funds these will need to be created and maintained in NC FAST by the county’s LPA Fund Manager. When creating a fund, the LPA Fund Manager is able to set a Fund Balance Amount alert. This allows the LPA Fund Manager to monitor the expenditures and receive an alert if the fund balance falls below the designated level during the fiscal year.
State Funds	All state funds (Smart Start, Non-Smart Start, Declared Emergency, and one-time funds) will be added to NC FAST by the DCDEE Fund Manager. County LPA Fund Managers cannot manage these funds but can update their ranking (i.e. the order in which funds are used).