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California Quality Rating and Improvement System (CA-QRIS) Implementation Guide – List of Key Updates

1. Page 4, Section III, California’s Approach to QRIS: Clarified scoring for sites at Tier 1 or receiving 1 Point on an element
 - Added, “Points may not deviate from what is specified below, even in locally determined tiers.”
 - Within the table:
 - Clarified language for Tier 1 by adding “blocked, receive 1 point per element” and added total point values for Tier 1 sites
 - Added, “locally determined—point values, blocked, or combination of points and blocked elements not to exceed 19 points for centers or 13 points for family childcare homes” to Tier 2
2. Page 19–20 Appendix I, CA-QRIS Rating Matrix: Inserted revised CA-QRIS Rating Matrix
 - At the top of the second column, changed “BLOCKED, Common Tier 1 Licensed In-Good Standing” to “1 POINT”
 - Removed “No point value” and replaced with “7 points” (centers) and “5 points” (family child care homes) at the bottom of the second column
3. Page 21, Appendix II, Guidance for Rating Elements and Points: Element 1. Child Observation
 - Removed “Sites at this tier must be licensed and in good standing with Community Care Licensing” and replaced with language detailed in Item 4 below.
4. Page 21, 24, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36 Appendix II, Guidance for Rating Elements and Points: Clarified scoring for sites at Tier 1 or receiving 1 Point on an element
 - Added “Sites licensed and in good standing with Community Care Licensing or legally license exempt and eligible for participation will automatically receive 1 point for this element” for use in determining Tier 2 rating or higher. Tier 1 remains blocked.