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

Document name: **Changed to** “California Quality Rating and Improvement System (CA-QRIS) Implementation Guide” **from** “Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) Tiered Quality Rating and improvement System Implementation Guide”

1. Table of Contents (Additions):

- Intended Audience for this Guide
- California’s Approach to QRIS
- Appendix I: CA-QRIS Quality Continuum Framework
- Appendix II: Guidance for Rating Elements by Points
- Glossary

2. The term RTT-ELC is changed to CA-QRIS throughout the document

**Other key changes/updates:**

3. Page 5, Section III, California’s Approach to QRIS: Added current funding sources:

- California State Preschool Program QRIS Block Grant
- Infant/Toddler QRIS Block Grant
- First 5 IMPACT

4. Page 6, Section IV, Early Learning Sites Eligible for Rating:

- Added back in language inadvertently deleted in December regarding definition of an early learning site, but deleted reference to Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing due to broader nature of CA-QRIS
- Added reference to the respective RFA (Block Grant or F5 IMPACT) for additional information on rating sites

5. Page 8–9, Section V, Rating and Monitoring:

- Frequency of Site Rating
    - Change of physical location requires a re-rating
    - Language changed from “events that may trigger” to “local decisions that may trigger”
  - Communicate site rating
    - Added three bullets regarding how consortia may share ratings and a note about requirement of R&Rs to provide information on ratings to families
    - Added how to report site data to the State
6. Page 13, Section VI, Assessing Classrooms: Added Guidelines for use of CLASS in Diverse Classrooms
  7. Page 14, Section VII, Environment Rating Scale Anchors and Assessors: Updated in accordance with the CA-QRIS requirements
  8. Page 17, Section VIII, Regional CLASS Trainers and Observers: Updated in accordance with the CA-QRIS requirements
  9. Page 19, Appendix I, CA-QRIS Quality Continuum Framework – Rating Matrix with Elements and Points for Consortia Common Tiers 1, 3, and 5: Added to this document as Appendix I
  10. Page 21, Appendix II, Guidance for Rating Elements and Points: Moved this section from main document (p. 24) to Appendix II
  11. Page 38, Glossary: Added new section with definitions for terms used throughout the Implementation Guide