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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE 01-010821: RATE FOR SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES WHEN QUARANTINE/ISOLATION IS NECESSARY DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4639.6 authorizes the Director of the Department of Developmental Services (Department) to issue directives to regional centers as the Director deems necessary to protect consumer rights, health, safety, or welfare, or in accordance with W&I Code section 4434. Regional centers must comply with any directive issued by the Director pursuant to this section.

Pursuant to W&I Code section 4639.6, to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19, the Department authorizes regional centers to reimburse supported living services (SLS) providers at a rate of \$48.06 per hour when necessary to provide 24 hour per day supports to an individual who has either tested positive for, or must quarantine as a result of exposure to, COVID-19. This authorization must be implemented in accordance with applicable labor laws. This rate only applies if the consumer and one direct support staff quarantine or isolate together for the duration of the consumer's illness or required quarantine period and will be used in place of the vendor's typical rate. Regional centers should use the sub-code "ISO" when authorizing claims under this rate.

This Directive is effective January 1, 2021, and remains in effect until further notice, and is necessary to safely support individuals diagnosed with or who have been exposed to COVID-19.

Consumers, family members or providers should contact their local regional center with any questions regarding this Directive. Questions from regional centers should be directed to DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

NANCY BARGMANN
Director

cc: Regional Center Board Presidents
Regional Center Administrators
Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services
Regional Center Community Services Directors
Association of Regional Center Agencies

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