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**TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE - REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES**

On June 1, 2021, a letter was sent to Regional Centers by the Department of Developmental Services (Department) with information regarding California's approved State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0024, authorizing the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide temporary rate increases effective March 1, 2020, for certain Medi-Cal rates, including rates for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD), ICF/DD-Habilitative, and ICF/DD-Nursing.

This letter is to provide an update on the previously increased reimbursement rates for Intermediate Care Facilities. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 133 (Chapter 143, Statutes of 2021), DHCS has updated the rate methodology increasing rates effective August 1, 2021. This temporarily increases the maximum rates for regional center funded services established using the "Schedule of Maximum Allowances."

For applicable services and providers, regional centers should process rate adjustments with an effective date of August 1, 2021, and refer to DHCS' website for a listing of the new rates: [https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/LTCRU.ICF\\_DD.aspx](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/LTCRU.ICF_DD.aspx).

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please direct them to [DDSC19Directive@dds.ca.gov](mailto:DDSC19Directive@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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