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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE NONRESIDENTIAL SERVICES

As a follow up to the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) [August 31, 2020](#) and [December 2, 2020](#) Directives regarding Alternative Nonresidential Services (Alternative Services) during the COVID-19 State of Emergency, this correspondence provides guidance regarding the conclusion of the provision of Alternative Services.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 4690.7 authorizes a provider of nonresidential services, as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 17 section 54302(a)(49), to utilize Alternative Services, if needed, to meet a consumer's service needs, until December 31, 2022.

Service providers and regional centers must engage consumers to present options for services upon the conclusion of Alternative Services. This may include consideration of certain traditional services delivered remotely and/or tailored day services as discussed in the Department's [November 23, 2022](#) and [December 1, 2022](#) correspondence, respectively.

Regional centers shall maintain documentation of this engagement, and work with the consumer and service provider(s) to plan for transition of services.

Consumers, family members or providers should contact their local regional center with any questions. Questions from regional centers should be directed to [ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov](mailto:ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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