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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON PAYMENTS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL SERVICES
DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

This correspondence provides clarification to the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) [May 7, 2020, guidance](#) regarding offsetting nonresidential service reimbursement during the State of Emergency declared due to COVID-19 with other received COVID-19 relief funds.

The Department is authorizing payments to nonresidential providers for consumer absences through July 31, 2020. The Department continues to engage with service providers regarding options for coordinating, providing, and/or funding services differently. The Department will issue additional guidance regarding alternative approaches to service delivery.

Nonresidential providers should continue using alternative approaches with person-centered focus in delivering services. Providers are encouraged to maximize alternative funding opportunities for COVID-19 relief to reduce reliance on state General Fund. These alternatives may include available "payroll" loan forgiveness or reimbursement programs, including but not limited to, the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance Program or any other similar federal or state programs for which the provider qualifies.

Claims submitted to the regional center for absence funding shall be adjusted if loan funds are forgiven. Claims shall be reduced by at least 85 percent of the loan amount forgiven and applied during the month of the claim. Example: If a provider applied for and received Paycheck Protection Program loan funds in the month of May and the loan was ultimately forgiven, the provider would reduce or amend the claim submitted for May.

All expenditure claims are subject to audit. Providers must maintain appropriate documentation of any funding received from COVID-19 relief sources and how the funds were utilized.

Consumers, family members or providers should contact their local regional center with any questions regarding this guidance. Questions from regional centers should be directed to Maricris Acon at (916) 654-2250 or maricris.acon@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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