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Dear Consumers, Families, and Service Providers,

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 if the Director feels they are needed to protect consumer rights, health, safety, or welfare.

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure, the Department authorizes regional centers to pay an increased rate of reimbursement for overtime hours for Participant-Directed Respite Service (Service Code 465). The rate of reimbursement is \$25.55 per consumer per hour for overtime hours when overtime is required by law. Regional centers should use the sub-code “OT” when authorizing claims for overtime.

This Directive, effective December 1, 2020, remains in effect until further notice, and is needed to limit the number of participant-directed respite providers entering the consumer’s home.

Please click [here](#) to view this DDS directive or go to <https://www.nlacrc.org/service-providers/covid-19-dds-directives>.