



# North Los Angeles County Regional Center

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Dear Consumers, Families, and Service Providers,

The Department of Developmental Services' ("DDS") [November 19, 2020 Directive](#) waives the requirement that the cost of financial management services (FMS) is paid by participants in the Self-Determination Program ("SDP") from his or her budget.

On February 3, 2021, issued a new Directive that says starting October 1, 2020, an SDP participant may choose to repurpose funds for FMS fees for different and/or added services during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. If a participant chooses to use funds allocated for FMS fees for different and/or added services as a result of COVID-19, the regional center should increase the budget based on the number of months FMS fees will be repurposed. The spending plan should also be adjusted to reflect where the repurposed FMS fees will be used. Upon expiration of the Directive, adjustments may be needed in the spending plan to account for FMS fees no longer being repurposed.

Click [here](#) to view the DDS Directive or [here](#) to visit the DDS website.