



# NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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To: **All NLACRC Service Providers**

Subject: **Vendor Rate Adjustments for Employee Sick Leave effective July 1, 2015**

Assembly Bill (AB) 1522, enacting the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families act of 2014, entitles employees who work on or after July 1, 2015, and who work 30 or more days within a year, to accrue sick leave at a rate of one hour for every 30 hours worked. The bill would also authorize an employer to limit an employee's use of paid sick days to 24 hours or 3 days in each year of employment. The budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 and accompanying trailer bill language assumes many vendors will either receive, or be eligible to request, a rate increase, if necessary, in order to comply with the new sick leave requirements. This letter contains information on the types of vendors that are affected and what process will be used to make necessary rate adjustments.

### **1. Rates set by DDS**

The budget trailer bill, combined with current Title 17 regulations, allows Community- Based Day Programs (CBDP), In-Home Respite Agencies (IHRA) and Work Activity Programs (WAP) to submit rate adjustment requests, if they are not providing a minimum of 24 hours or three paid sick days annually, as of June 30, 2015. Vendors can begin submitting requests to the Department, with a copy to the vendoring regional center, at any time. However, all rate adjustment requests must be received by the Department no later than September 1, 2015.

To request a rate adjustment, applicable vendors must submit to the Department the units of service billed to the regional center and only include costs necessary to fund a maximum of 24 hours or three paid sick days to applicable employees. Vendors may submit a rate adjustment request online via the Department's website using the following link:  
[www.dds.ca.gov/SickLeave](http://www.dds.ca.gov/SickLeave).

### **2. Alternative Residential Model ("ARM") rates**

The revised ARM rates, effective July 1, 2015, for community care facilities, are enclosed. These rates also affect respite facilities vendored under service code 869.

### **3. Negotiated Rates**

- A. Negotiated rate service providers, includes service codes 8, 17, 20, 21, 25, 28, 34, 48, 51, 55, 56, 62, 63, 72, 73, 77, 84, 90, 91, 94, 93, 94, 96, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 455, 470, 605, 610, 612, 613, 615, 616, 620, 625, 627, 630, 635, 642, 643, 645, 650, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 691, 692, 693, 694, 720, 743, 790, 850, 851, 855, 860, 869, 875, 880, 882, 883, 894, 896



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The budget trailer bill allows regional centers to negotiate rate adjustments with vendors in order to implement the requirements of AB 1522 if vendors are not providing a minimum of 24 hours or three paid sick days annually, effective July 1, 2015. The rate adjustment must be specific to the unit of service that is affected and shall only include costs necessary to fund a maximum of 24 hours or three paid sick days.

Instructions to request a rate increase to NLACRC may be found at [www.nlacrc.org](http://www.nlacrc.org) and negotiated rate vendors may begin submitting rate adjustment requests to NLACRC at any time. All requests for a rate adjustment must be submitted directly to NLACRC's Accounting Department via email to [Alniego@nlacrc.org](mailto:Alniego@nlacrc.org). All requests from negotiate rate service providers must be received by NLACRC no later than September 1, 2015.

While this correspondence provides you a summary of the rate increases and the process to request a rate adjustment, NLACRC encourages you to visit DDS's website at [www.dds.ca.gov](http://www.dds.ca.gov) or NLACRC's website at [www.nlacrc.org](http://www.nlacrc.org) to obtain general information about the process discussed in this letter, as well as detailed instructions for submitting rate adjustment requests.

If you have any other questions about this information, please contact Alain Iniego, Audit and Revenue Supervisor at 818-756-6310.