August 24, 2015

To: All NLACRC Service Providers with a Negotiated Rate

Subject: Rate Change for Employee Sick Leave ("Healthy Families Act")

The purpose of this letter is to notify all service providers with a negotiated rate that you may be eligible for a rate increase as a result of the enactment of Assembly Bill 1522 ("AB 1522"), the Healthy Families Act of 2014 (the "Healthy Families Act"). The Healthy Families Act entitles employees who work on or after July 1, 2015 and who work thirty (30) or more days within a year, to accrue sick leave at a rate of one (1) hour for every thirty (30) hours worked, up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours of paid sick days annually. The FY2015-2016 Budget and accompanying trailer bill language combined with current Title 17 regulations, allows for the North Los Angeles County Regional Center ("NLACRC") to increase rates as a result of the requirements established under the Healthy Families Act for eligible service providers.

Negotiated rate service providers, includes the services provided under the following service codes:


Service providers with a negotiated rate may request a rate increase if they are not providing a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours or three (3) paid sick days annually as of June 30, 2015.

Instructions to submit a rate increase to NLACRC may be found at www.nlacrc.org and negotiated rate vendors may begin submitting rate adjustment requests to NLACRC at any time. All requests to seek a rate adjustment to comply with the Health Families Act shall be either mailed to NLACRC's Accounting Department: 15400 Sherman Way #170, Van Nuys; CA 91406 or emailed to ainiego@nlacrc.org. All requests from negotiate rate
service providers must be received by NLACRC no later than Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

While this correspondence provides you a summary of the rate increases and the process to request a rate adjustment to comply with the Healthy Families Act, NLACRC encourages you to visit DDS’s website at www.dds.ca.gov or NLACRC’s website at www.nlacrc.org, to obtain information about the Healthy Families Act, as well as detailed instructions for submitting rate adjustment requests.

If you have any other questions about this information, please contact NLACRC’s Community Services Department information phone line at 818-756-6127.