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To: **Community-Based Day Programs, Work Activity Programs, and In-Home Respite Agencies**

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

The purpose of this letter is to notify all Community-Based Day Programs ("CBDP"), Work Activity Programs ("WAP"), and In-Home Respite Agencies ("IHRA") 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 Department of Developmental Services ("DDS") to increase rates as a result of the requirements established under the Healthy Families Act for eligible service providers.

CBDP service providers, as defined under Title 17, Section 54302(a)(16), WAP service providers, as defined under Title 17, Section 54302(a)(80), and IHRA, as defined under Title 17, Section 54302(a)(38) are eligible to request a rate increase to comply with the Healthy Families Act from the Department of Developmental Services ("DDS"), as follows:

Day Program	Service Code
Activity Center	505
Adult Development Center	510
Behavior Management Program	515
Independent Living Programs	520
Infant Development Programs	805
Social Recreation Programs	525
Work Activity Program	954
In-Home Respite Agency	862



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DDS has notified regional centers that CDBP, WAP, and IHRA service providers may begin submitting rate adjustment requests to DDS at any time. All requests for a rate adjustment to comply with the Healthy Families Act shall be submitted directly to DDS by email at rateadj@dds.ca.gov and a copy of such request shall be either mailed to NLACRC's Community Services Department: 15400 Sherman Way #170; Van Nuys, CA 91406 or emailed to vendorfaq@nlacrc.org.

While this correspondence provides you a summary of the Health Families Act 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/SickLeave to obtain information about the Healthy Families Act, as well as detailed instructions for submitting rate adjustment requests to DDS.

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