



# **NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

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## **REGIONAL CENTER**

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Date: October 4, 2016

To: Eligible NLACRC Vended Service Providers:

### **TIME SENSITIVE**

**\$15 MILLION OF PROVIDER FUNDING FOR HCBS COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES**

**Funding Applications due October 30, 2016**

#### **Purpose of Provider Funding for Compliance with Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Regulations**

In January 2014, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”) issued final regulations or rules for Home and Community-Based Services (“HCBS”). CMS is the federal agency that must approve of the Medicaid waiver program that provides HCBS to people with developmental disabilities in California. CMS pays for approximately half of the cost of services provided to consumers in these waiver programs. In order to keep receiving these federal funds, California must follow the CMS rules.

The new rule is referred to as the HCBS Settings Rule or the CMS Final Rule. The changes in the new rule impact some of the services funded by the regional center. The new rule requires programs to provide people with disabilities choice, full access to the benefits of community living and offer services and supports in settings that are integrated in the community. The rules apply to all residential and non-residential settings. All HCBS services must meet the requirements in the HCBS Settings Rule. Changes must begin to be made now to be in full compliance by March 2019.

#### **Provider Compliance Funding for Compliance Activities and Due Date**

The 2016 Budget Act contains \$15 million to fund changes that will be necessary for providers to come into compliance with the HCBS Settings Rules by March 2019.

All eligible service providers may submit an application for compliance funding directly to NLACRC. The due date for the receipt of funding applications has been changed from October 1, 2016 to **October 30, 2016** in order to provide service providers with more time to complete funding compliance applications and submit the funding compliance applications to the regional center.



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For more information on how to apply for the Compliance Funding, please go to NLACRC's website at [www.nlacrc.org](http://www.nlacrc.org) under Service Providers, Announcements and Trainings at <http://www.nlacrc.org/index.aspx?page=198>

For more information about the DDS application process, please go to the following link: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/docs/08032016hcbsLetter.pdf>

For more information about eligible providers, please go to the following link: <http://www.nlacrc.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4438>

For more information about the service provider evaluation tool, please go to the following link: <http://www.nlacrc.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4442>

For more information about the information required for the concept proposal, please go to the following link: <http://www.nlacrc.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4441>

### **Submission Information**

Please either email or mail all completed Compliance Funding requests to NLACRC's Community Services Department as follows:

compliancefunding@nlacrc.org  
Community Services Department  
9200 Oakdale Avenue, Suite 100  
Chatsworth, CA 91311-6500  
Attention: Bethany Gobble, Administrative Assistant