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Rate Change for Minimum Wage eff. 01/01/18

SB 3 increases CA state min. wage from $10.50 to $11.00 per hour for employers with 26+ employees, and from $10.00 to $10.50 for employers with 0 – 25 employees.


DS 61 must submit a request to NLACRC no later than March 1, 2018.

Please download the worksheet at https://www.nlacrc.org/service-providers/announcements-training

DDC Vendor Rate Study

DDS has contracted with Burns & Associates to conduct the required rate study to address sustainability, quality and transparency per WIC 4519.8.

Slides of their September presentation with details of the project overview, including methods of data collection/analysis, and rate models, as well as contact information, are available on our website at https://www.nlacrc.org/home/showdocument?id=5665.

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Community Services Vendor Maintenance Newsletter

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The vendor fairs on 10/23, 10/25, and 11/06 were a success!

Thank you to each vendor who participated!
NLACRC plans to make these a biannual event. We will have sign-ups for the next one in Spring 2018.
**Mission Statement:** North Los Angeles County Regional Center, with integrity and transparency, provides lifelong partnerships and planning to persons with developmental disabilities by promoting their civil and personal rights, providing comprehensive information, advocating in cooperation with consumers, promoting and providing quality services, and supporting full participation of consumers and families in all aspects of community life.

**Compliance Corner**

**Independent Audits**
June 2016 reporting requirements changed for independent audits! Reports for fiscal year 2014 and on are due within nine months of the end of each service provider's fiscal year.

Please send reports to **RequiredVendorAudits@nlacrc.org**.

**Annual Program Evaluations**
Providers vendored for community-based day programs under service codes 505, 510, 515, 520, and 805, and in-home respite agencies under service code 862 are required to submit a written Program Evaluation Report to NLACRC annually by Nov. 30th.

Please send reports to **Contract&Compliance@nlacrc.org**.

**Insurance**

Please send renewal COIs to **Contract&Compliance@nlacrc.org**.

**Address Change Process**
Planning a move? Have a new mailing address? Don’t forget to update your address with NLACRC.

Please download the Address Change Form at [https://www.nlacrc.org/home/showdocument?id=5655](https://www.nlacrc.org/home/showdocument?id=5655), and send to **VUpdate@nlacrc.org**.

**Note:** After the form is submitted, additional paperwork will need to be completed in order to update your vendor file with the new address. Please allow up to **90 days** for the address change to be completed.

**New Bills with Operational Impact**
All listed bills effective 01/01/2018, unless otherwise noted

**Human Resources:**
- SB 63, AB 168, AB 1008

**Client Services:**
- SB 147, AB 1074

**Housing:**
- SB 2 (eff 9/29/17), AB 727, AB 1521

**Service Providers:**
- AB 449, AB 275, AB 657, AB 940

The **21st Century Cures Act** signed 12/2016 includes a wide range of healthcare measures that could impact service delivery.

Please visit [http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/ihss](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/ihss) for important program information about the **Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirement** established in Section 12006.

**CMS HCBS Compliance Funding**
The California 2017 Budget Act contains $15 million to fund changes that are necessary for providers to come into compliance with the HCBS rules.

Eligible service providers need to submit proposals by **January 5, 2018** to [compliancefunding@nlacrc.org](mailto:compliancefunding@nlacrc.org).

For the submission form, instructions and details please visit [http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/](http://www.dds.ca.gov/HCBS/).

**FLU SEASON AHEAD**

DDS has launched a campaign to get everyone with a developmental disability vaccinated for **flu**, and everyone 65 years old or older, as well as those 19 to 64 years old who have a chronic health condition, vaccinated for **pneumonia**.

Brochures, and links from DDS and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are available on our website at [https://www.nlacrc.org/service-providers/resources-information](https://www.nlacrc.org/service-providers/resources-information).