



# North Los Angeles County Regional Center

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Dear Vendor Community,

## All Service Providers / DDS Health & Safety Directive due to COVID-19:

We are continuing to closely monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact it may have on our consumers, families, and service providers. Pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency dated March 4, 2020, and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, the Director of the Department of Developmental Services (Department) issues the following directives to regional centers waiving certain requirements of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act), the California Early Intervention Services Act, and/or certain provisions of Title 17, Division 2 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 17), in order to protect consumer rights, and ensure the health, safety, and welfare of everyone.

The Director of the Department delegates to regional center Executive Directors the authority to grant **Health and Safety Waiver Exemptions** for rate adjustments for residential services and/or supplemental services in residential settings, consistent with Welfare and Institutions Code sections 4681.6, 4689.8 and 4691.9, to protect a consumer's health or safety as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19.

NLACRC will be providing guidance on what will be required for the health and safety waivers in the next few days. NLACRC will publish the information on our website. NLACRC will communicate by email when this information is available.

This remains in effect for 30 days unless extended by the Director of the Department. Enclosed is the Department's March 12, 2020, correspondence to regional centers regarding the Department Directive on Requirement waived due to COVID-19 and Governor Gavin Newsome's State of Emergency Proclamation.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support!

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