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Temporary Waiver of Statutory Requirements of Fee Programs Family Cost Participation Program and Annual Family Program Fee April 3, 2020

On March 25, 2020, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) issued a Department Directive to Regional Centers temporarily waiving certain statutory requirements due to the COVID-19 crisis. The Department Directive established the following:

“Any requirement related to the Family Cost Participation Program (FCPP) pursuant to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4783, and the Annual Family Program Fee (AFPF) pursuant to W&I section 4785, are waived. Retroactive to March 12, 2020, regional centers shall not conduct assessments and families shall not be required to pay costs or fees associated with FCPP and AFPF.

The Department finds that the effects of COVID-19 may result in negative economic impacts to families. This waiver is necessary to lessen the economic burden on families and to allow regional centers to prioritize work associated with COVID-19 response.”

FCPP Program

Based on the Department Directive, North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC) has temporarily suspended all FCPP assessments for the 30-day period. Furthermore, NLACRC has identified families whose respite and/or day care authorizations were set to expire March 31, 2020 because no income documentation was provided, and NLACRC will automatically extend these authorizations through April 30, 2020.

AFPF Program

Based on the Department Directive, North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC) has temporarily suspended all AFPF assessments for the 30-day period. Furthermore, payments for AFPF assessments that were completed prior to March 12, 2020 has been temporarily postponed for the 30-day period, and families will not be required to submit payments until expiration of the Department Directive.