



# North Los Angeles County Regional Center

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## **\*\*New DDS Directive\*\***

On May 18, 2020, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) issued a directive extending waivers in the following areas:

### **Lanterman Act Eligibility**

Regional centers may continue to conduct intake meetings, evaluations and assessments by remote electronic communications, when doing so does not compromise the integrity of the intake process. Regional centers may also determine an individual to be presumptively eligible if reasonably certain an individual is eligible for regional center services under the Lanterman Act.

### **In-Home Respite Workers**

DDS has waived the regulatory requirement for in-home respite workers to be first aid and CPR trained prior to employment, so long as the consumer receiving services does not have chronic or presenting health concerns. Please note that some in-home respite agencies may decide to continue to require first aid and CPR training as a condition of employment by the agency.

### **Family Cost Participation Program (FCPP) and Annual Family Program Fee (AFPF)**

The requirement for regional centers to conduct assessments associated with the FCPP and AFPF is temporarily waived. As such, NLACRC will not conduct assessments related to the FCPP or AFPF and families are not required to pay costs or fees associated with AFPF at this time. Please note that this waiver does not apply to families' share of costs for daycare services, which is not part of the FCPP or AFPF.

The waivers and modifications included in this directive expire on June 23, 2020. Please [click here](#) to read the directive or visit our website at [www.nlacrc.org](http://www.nlacrc.org) and select the button labeled "COVID-19 DDS Directives."