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Dear Consumers, Families, and Service Providers,

Please be informed that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has added a directive that takes the place of the previous version:

Directive Date	Directive Name	Expiration Date
3/12/2020	Department Directive 02-081020: Day Services for Consumers at High Risk for Serious Illness Due to COVID-19	Remains in effect until rescinded by DDS

Please be informed that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has extended the expiration dates or modified the following directives:

Directive Date	Directive Name	Expiration Date
3/12/2020	Department Directive on Requirements Waived due to COVID-19 Early Start In-Person Meetings, Early Start Remote Services, Lanterman Act In-Person Meetings, Health and Safety Waiver Exemptions	9/8/2020
3/18/2020	Department Directive on Requirements Waived due to COVID-19 and Additional Guidance Day Program Services The following paragraph under section “Day Program Services” is hereby amended to read: “The Department reiterates the March 12, 2020, directive to regional centers, “State of Emergency Statewide,” authorizing regional centers to pay vendors for absences that are a direct result of the COVID-19 outbreak, pursuant to Title 17 section 54326(a)(11). As indicated in the Department’s July 17, 2020, directive, “Providing and Claiming for	9/14/2020

	<p><u>Nonresidential Services During the State of Emergency,</u> retention payments to nonresidential providers for consumer absences are authorized through August 31, 2020. The Department will issue a directive outlining the structure for subsequent reimbursement of claims for providing nonresidential services using alternative service delivery approaches during the State of Emergency. (Amendment effective the date of this Directive)</p> <p>WIC §4731 Consumers’ Rights Complaints Effective immediately, section “WIC §4731 Consumers’ Rights Complaints” is hereby deleted from this Directive. The 20-working day requirement for investigating and providing a written proposed resolution to a complainant pursuant to W&I Code section 4731(b) is reinstated. (Amendment effective 7/15/2020)</p> <p>Home and Community Based Services Self Assessments The following sentence under section “Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Self Assessments” is hereby amended to read: “The requested completion date for provider HCBS self assessment has been extended to June 30, 2020 <u>August 31, 2020.</u>” (Amendment effective 6/8/2020)</p>	
3/25/2020	<p><u>Department Directive 02-032520: Requirements Waived due to COVID-19 and Additional Guidance</u></p> <p>In-Home Respite Workers The following paragraph under section “In-Home Respite Workers” is hereby amended to read: “To increase available workforce and support</p>	9/21/2020

	<p>consumers and families at home, the Department waives Title 17 section 56792(e)(3)(A) requirements for in-home respite workers to possess first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training prior to employment when the consumer receiving services does not have chronic or presenting health concerns. <u>Training must be obtained within 30 days of starting work.</u>" (Amendment effective 7/15/2020)</p>	
3/30/2020	<p>Department Directive 01:033020: Additional Participant-Directed Services</p>	9/26/2020
4/15/2020	<p>Department Directive 01-041520: Requirements Waived due to COVID-19</p> <p>Vendor Fiscal Audits The following paragraph under section "Vendor Fiscal Audits" is hereby amended to read: "The requirements of Article III, Section 9, paragraph (c) of the Department's regional center contract are waived for <u>Fiscal Year 2019-20</u>. To the extent feasible, regional centers shall continue to conduct fiscal audits in accordance with this paragraph." (Amendment effective 7/15/2020)</p> <p>Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule Compliance Information The following sentence under section "Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule Compliance Information" is hereby amended to read: "Regional centers shall post this information on their websites by July 1, 2020 <u>August 31, 2020.</u>" (Amendment effective 6/8/2020)</p>	9/12/2020
6/15/2020	<p>Department Directive 01-061520: Extension of Early Start Services</p>	9/13/2020

Please click [here](#) to view the DDS directives or go to <https://www.nlacrc.org/service-providers/covid-19-dds-directives>.