

July 14, 2025

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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REPEAL OF THE PARENTAL FEE PROGRAM

This letter provides formal notice that the Parental Fee Program described in [Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4784](#) was repealed effective July 1, 2025, pursuant to [Chapter 12, Statutes of 2025 \[Assembly Bill 143\]](#). As a result, families no longer will be assessed or charged fees under the Parental Fee Program for eligible 24-hour out-of-home care services provided on or after July 1, 2025.

Reporting

There no longer is a requirement for regional centers to submit a monthly report to the Department listing new placements, terminated cases, and client deaths.

Collection Activities

The Department will continue monthly billing and collection efforts for outstanding and past due parental fees incurred up to and through June 30, 2025, consistent with the law through that date. The Department's Parental Fee Program staff may contact regional centers for information about families, as needed.

Audit Activities

For time periods after June 30, 2025, requirements related to the Parental Fee Program will no longer be part of the Department's Regional Center biennial audit protocol.

Regulations

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) is repealing the Parental Fee Program regulations in [Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Subchapter 2](#), Articles 1 through 5, Sections 50201, 50203, 50205, 50207, 50209, 50211, 50213, 50215, 50221, 50223, 50225, 50227, 50229, 50230, 50231, 50233, 50235, 50237, 50239, and 50241. This action is being filed with the Office of Administrative Law as a change without regulatory effect.

Questions from parents and regional centers regarding the Parental Fee Program or continued billing and collection efforts should be directed to the Department's Parental Fee Program staff by phone at (800) 862-0007 or by email at ddsparentalfee@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

PETE CERVINKA
Director

cc: Regional Center Administrators
Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services
Regional Center Community Services Directors
Regional Center Controllers
Association of Regional Center Agencies