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TO: PROGRAM DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Survey to Determine Service Provider Rate Increases

Assembly Bill (AB) X2-1 (Chapter 3, Statutes of 2016), approved by the Governor on March 1, 2016, provides funding for a variety of areas, including regional center service provider rate increases. While some rate increases are specific to certain services, AB X2-1 also provides funding for rate increases for all service providers with rates set by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) or through negotiations between the regional center and service providers. The rate increase for all service providers is targeted to provide 1) an increase in wages and benefits for staff who spend a minimum of 75 percent of their time providing direct services to consumers and 2) an increase for administrative expenses.

AB X2-1 provides a set amount of funding for this increase and therefore requires DDS to survey a random sample of providers to determine the rate increases for all eligible providers within each service category. Your service (vendor number and corresponding service code identified above) has been randomly selected to participate in this survey. The information you provide will be combined with information submitted by providers of similar services to determine the rate increase for all similar service types.

Your participation and completion of this survey by April 15, 2016 is important for DDS to determine service provider rate increases that will be effective July 1, 2016. To access the survey, and find more detailed information about AB X2-1, please visit www.dds.ca.gov/vendorsurvey.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, or need to copy mailed to you, please contact the Rates and Fiscal Support Section at (916) 654-2300.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

JIM KNIGHT
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