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TO: REGIONAL CENTER DIRECTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND
CHIEF COUNSELORS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013-2014 UNIFORM HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Welfare and Institutions Code section 4692, requires the observance of 14 uniform holidays by specified regional center vendors. These vendors include: work activity programs, activity centers, adult development centers, behavior management programs, social recreation programs, adaptive skills trainer programs, infant development programs, program support groups (day service), socialization training programs, client/parent support behavior intervention training programs, community integration training programs, community activities support services, and creative arts programs, as defined in Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations.

In response to requests to alter the Uniform Holiday Schedule in FY 2013-14, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) recently surveyed stakeholders (consumers, families, affected service providers, regional centers, etc.). The survey on the Department's website generated almost 2,500 responses. The survey addressed the following issues: the concentration of three uniform holidays in December, and the fact that these holidays are to be observed mid-week (Tuesday-Thursday) in FY 2013-14. Constituents expressed a concern that observing the holidays mid-week may result in a loss of the entire week of programming.

The survey asked, "Which holiday should be observed on an alternate day?", and requested suggested alternatives to the current Uniform Holiday Schedule. The overwhelming response to these questions was that for FY 2013-14, December 23rd should be observed instead of December 26th. Therefore, the Uniform Holiday Schedule is being altered to observe Monday, December 23; Tuesday, December 24; and Wednesday, December 25, in FY 2013-14. December 26, 2013, will not be observed as a holiday.

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While this change to the Uniform Holiday Schedule is responsive to constituents' expressed concerns, it does not provide a long-term solution to the issue. Therefore, the Department will conduct another survey to address the December holidays in FY 2014-15, and subsequent years.

The FY 2013-14 Uniform Holiday Schedule is as follows:

1. Thursday, July 4th
2. Monday, September 2nd
3. Monday, October 14th
4. Monday, November 11th
5. Thursday, November 28th
6. Friday, November 29th
7. Monday, December 23rd
8. Tuesday, December 24th
9. Wednesday, December 25th
10. Wednesday, January 1st
11. Monday, January 20th
12. Monday, February 17th
13. Monday, March 31st
14. Monday, May 26th

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Sincerely,

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