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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about

# Rule Changes for Home Provider Payments/Rates and Services, Deadlines and Programs

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## What to know

**We're changing some rules to help you stay safe.**

These changes will give regional centers more ways to help you.

## What's changing

### Home Provider Payments and Rates

- Regional Centers can pay your home provider extra money during COVID-19 to keep you healthy and safe where you live.
- If you need to move somewhere else for a little while because you're sick or might get sick, your regional center can keep paying your home provider while you're gone.

### Deadlines for Regional Center Staff:

- Some work that is not related to health and safety is being postponed. This will give regional centers more time to focus on you.

### Enhanced Behavioral Supports Homes & Community Crisis Homes:

- Staff in these homes can continue to support you when they do not have certain certifications.
- This is being done to increase the number of staff that are available to support you.

**Competitive Integrated Employment Incentive Payments Program:**

- If you are part of this program and have to stop working because of COVID-19, it won't count as a break from your job if you go back to work at the same place after COVID-19.

**Parental Fees:**

- During this crisis, parents will not be required to begin paying a fee if they need to place their minor child in a licensed residential home.
- This will reduce regional center staff workload and help lessen financial concerns for some families.

**Questions?**

Please contact your local regional center. If they cannot help you, please email [DDSC19@dds.ca.gov](mailto:DDSC19@dds.ca.gov)

**Learn more**

See the Department notice about Governor Gavin Newsom's declared State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Link to full text of the Department of Developmental Services directive: [Guidance for Residential Facility Payments and Rates, Vendor Audits, HCBS Info, RBT Certification, CIE and Parental Fees](#)