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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE 01-111920: WAIVER OF SELF-  
DETERMINATION PROGRAM BUDGET RESTRICTIONS FOR  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency dated March 4, 2020, and under the authority of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, the Director of the Department of Developmental Services (Department) waives the requirement that the cost of the financial management service is paid by the participant from his or her individual budget as described in Welfare and Institutions Code section 4685.8(c)(1).

This waiver is effective October 1, 2020, and is necessary to allow participants of the Self-Determination Program (SDP) to repurpose waived fees for different and/or additional SDP services during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

This Directive remains in effect for 30 days unless extended by the Director of the Department. Consumers, family members or providers should contact their local regional center with any questions regarding this Directive. Questions from regional centers should be directed to [sdp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sdp@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by:*

NANCY BARGMANN  
Director

cc: Regional Center Board Presidents  
Regional Center Administrators  
Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services  
Regional Center Community Services Directors  
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