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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM: PAYMENTS FOR  
INITIAL PERSON-CENTERED PLANNING SERVICES

To further clarify the [directive](#) issued on February 13, 2019, and the [directive](#) issued on September 3, 2019, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is providing regional centers with this guidance regarding payments for initial person-centered planning in the Self-Determination Program (SDP).

When regional centers are purchasing initial SDP person-centered planning services, those services may include payments to independent facilitators who are carrying out any of the Independent Facilitator roles specified in the Department's December 21, 2018 [directive](#).

This guidance is limited only to the purchase of initial person-centered planning services for SDP participants. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact [sdp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sdp@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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