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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE 02-122320: OVERTIME PAY FOR PARTICIPANT-DIRECTED RESPITE SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4639.6 authorizes the Director of the Department of Developmental Services (Department) to issue directives to regional centers as the Director deems necessary to protect consumer rights, health, safety, or welfare, or in accordance with W&I Code section 4434. Regional centers must comply with any directive issued by the Director pursuant to this section.

Pursuant to W&I Code section 4639.6, to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19, the Department authorizes regional centers to pay an increased rate of reimbursement for overtime hours for Participant-Directed Respite Service (Service Code 465). The rate of reimbursement is \$25.55 per consumer per hour for overtime hours when overtime is required by law. Regional centers should use the sub-code "OT" when authorizing claims for overtime.

This Directive, effective December 1, 2020, remains in effect until further notice, and is necessary to limit the number of participant-directed respite providers entering the consumer's home.

Consumers, family members or providers should contact their local regional center with questions regarding this Directive. Questions from regional centers should be directed to [DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov](mailto:DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by:*

NANCY BARGMANN  
Director

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