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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: UPDATE REGARDING MONTHLY RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION AND GROUP SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT FOR ALTERNATIVE NONRESIDENTIAL SERVICES

The Department of Developmental Services' (Department) [December 2, 2020](#) Directive regarding Alternative Nonresidential Services (Alternative Services) during the COVID-19 State of Emergency indicated that the use of the monthly unit rate would begin January 1, 2021, and that rates and additional guidance for transportation and group supported employment providers would be sent separately.

In the interest of an effectual implementation, the use of the monthly unit rate for Alternative Services for transportation and group supported employment will instead become effective March 1, 2021. The Department will provide guidance on the use of the monthly rates in a forthcoming correspondence.

For January and February 2021, transportation and group supported employment providers shall continue to follow the methodology and rules outlined in the [August 31, 2020](#) Directive for September and October 2020, as follows:

*"For September and October 2020:*

- a. Providers shall use the current authorized rate and each consumer's average monthly attendance over the prior 12 months ending February 2020 for each consumer who received Alternative Services and the provider complied with Section V.*
- b. Providers shall not submit reimbursement claims for consumers who did not receive services."*

Self-advocates, family members or providers should contact their local regional center with any questions. Questions from regional centers should be directed to [DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov](mailto:DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by:*

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cc: Regional Center Board Presidents  
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