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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about  
**SELF-DETERMINATION BUDGETS AND FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

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**What to know**

If you are in the Self-Determination Program (SDP), you do **NOT** have to pay the cost of the financial management service (FMS) from your budget if you need the money for COVID expenses.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to allow you to use your funds for different services you may need.

**What's changing**

Normally, you pay the cost of the FMS from your budget. DDS has waived that requirement.

**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:  
[Waiver Restrictions for Financial Management Services](#)