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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM STATEWIDE AVAILABILITY

In accordance with Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4685.8(a), the Self Determination Program (SDP) is available statewide as of July 1, 2021, on a voluntary basis to all eligible regional center consumers. While the Department of Developmental Services prepares statewide SDP orientations, regional centers should not delay providing orientations to consumers interested in enrolling in the program.

Additional information on previous train-the-trainer orientation sessions and related materials are posted in the DDS webpage

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/training-and-other-materials/>.

Consumers, family members, or providers should contact their local regional center with questions regarding this program directive. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact sdp@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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