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**TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

**SUBJECT: RATE INCREASES FOR SPECIFIED SERVICES**

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) informed regional centers in its [December 16, 2019](#) letter of a percentage-based rate increase for specified services effective January 1, 2020, pursuant to SB 81 (Chapter 28, Statutes of 2019). The Department's [December 21, 2020](#) letter provided information regarding additional services that received rate increases, effective January 1, 2021, pursuant to AB 79 (Chapter 11, Statutes of 2020). Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4691.12(c)(1) specified that these rate increases would end on December 31, 2021, unless certain conditions apply.

AB 136 (Chapter 76, Statutes of 2021) deleted W&I Code section 4691.12(c)(1). Therefore, the rate increases provided by SB 81 and AB 79 will remain in effect.

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Sincerely,

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