DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

REQUEST FOR AN EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

California Code of Regulations Title 17. Public Health Division 2. Health and Welfare Agency – Department of Developmental Services Regulations Chapter 3. Community Services.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(b)(3), the Department of Developmental Services (Department) requests that the amendments to the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 17, Sections 57310, 57332, 58886, and 58888, become effective September 16, 2022. Good cause for this request exists.

The Department amended the regulations in order to permanently add three services to provide more flexibility to individuals in accessing essential services and to maintain specific goals in consumers' Individual Program Plans (IPPs). These changes maintain services that foster the developmental potential of the individual receiving them and assist these individuals in achieving the most independent, productive, and normal lives possible as guaranteed by California Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 4502. Furthermore, amendments to the regulations include the rate methodology which will provide clarity to stakeholders interested in understanding how the rates were developed and reduce the need for future amendments as variables change.

The services were created initially through a department directive dated March 30, 2020, pursuant to Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency dated March 4, 2020, and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020. Since that time, the directive has continuously been extended every 30 days since March 30, 2020, and is set to expire September 16, 2022, as of today's date. It is important that these regulations become effective on September 16, 2022, in case the State of Emergency is lifted in order to maintain necessary and appropriate services for individuals who have been relying on these three services.