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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON PAYMENTS FOR RESTORED SERVICES

Effective July 1, 2021, changes to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4648.5 restored regional center authority to fund camping services and associated travel expenses; social recreation activities; educational services for children three to 17 years of age; and nonmedical therapies, including, but not limited to, specialized recreation, art, dance, and music. This guidance provides clarification about the timing of payments for these services in certain circumstances.

Regional centers' payments for these services shall be aligned with the typical processes used by non-regional center payors. For example, if a recreation class subscription or access fee is payable at the beginning of the month, the regional center should adjust their payment schedule to purchase these services at the beginning of the month to support service access.

If you have any questions regarding this directive, please email [ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov](mailto:ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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