

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY ACTION****SUBJECT: BEHAVIORAL SERVICES REGULATIONS**

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) is proposing to adopt emergency regulations relevant to behavioral services by providing a new category of professional. Service Code 616 - Behavior Management Technician (Paraprofessional) will be added to Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), and will specify necessary qualifications, professional supervision requirements, and establish a rate.

Government Code section 11346.1(a)(2) requires that, at least five working days prior to submission of the proposed emergency action to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), the adopting agency provide a notice of the proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action with the agency. After submission of the proposed emergency action to the OAL, the OAL shall allow interested persons five calendar days to submit comments on the proposed emergency regulations as set forth in Government Code section 11349.6. Upon filing, OAL will have ten (10) calendar days within which to review and make a decision on the proposed emergency rule. If approved, OAL will file the regulations with the Secretary of State, and the emergency regulations will become effective for one hundred and eighty (180) days. Within the 180-day effective period, the Department will proceed with a regular rulemaking action, including a public comment period. The emergency regulations will remain in effect during this rulemaking action.

Attached to this Notice is the specific regulatory language of the Department's proposed emergency action and Finding of Emergency.

You may also review the proposed regulatory language and Finding of Emergency on the Department's website at the following address: <http://www.dds.ca.gov>.

If you have any questions regarding this proposed emergency action, please contact JoEllen Fletcher at (916) 654-2133.

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