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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES PAYMENTS

The Department of Developmental Services' (Department) September 12, 2022 [guidance](#) requires regional centers through January 31, 2023, to pay Financial Management Services (FMS) providers on a weekly basis including for services that have been provided in the current month. This guidance extends the weekly payment requirement through September 30, 2023.

The September 12, 2022 [guidance](#) also requires regional centers to notify FMS providers within three business days of the planning team finalizing any change in a participant's spending plan. This requirement remains effective.

If participants and/or their families have questions regarding this directive, they should contact their regional center. Questions from regional centers should be directed to [sdp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sdp@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Bargmann".

NANCY BARGMANN  
Director

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