



NANCY BARGMANN  
DIRECTOR

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
**Department of Developmental Services**

1215 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

[www.dds.ca.gov](http://www.dds.ca.gov)



GAVIN NEWSOM  
GOVERNOR

September 29, 2023

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES PAYMENTS

The Department of Developmental Services' (Department) January 20, 2023 [guidance](#) requires regional centers, through September 30, 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 this requirement through December 31, 2024.

The January 20, 2023 [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,

*Original Signed by:*

NANCY BARGMANN  
Director

cc: Regional Center Administrators  
Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services  
Regional Center Community Services Directors  
Association of Regional Center Agencies  
State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Brian Winfield, Department of Developmental Services  
Carla Castañeda, Department of Developmental Services  
Vicki Smith, Department of Developmental Services  
Ernie Cruz, Department of Developmental Services  
Jim Knight, Department of Developmental Services  
Suzy Requarth, Department of Developmental Services  
Kathleen Dempsey, Department of Developmental Services