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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING: DIRECT SERVICE
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING STIPEND PROGRAM – INTERMEDIATE
CARE FACILITIES (ICF)

This correspondence is in follow-up to the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) September 12, 2023 [guidance](#) regarding implementation of the Direct Service Professional (DSP) Training Stipend Program. The purpose of this correspondence is to clarify that DSPs who work in an ICF-Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD), ICF/DD-Habilitative (ICF/DD-H), ICF/DD-Nursing (ICF/DD-N), or ICF/DD-Continuous Nursing Care (ICF/DD-CN), and meet all other eligibility requirements, as specified in the September 12, 2023 guidance, are eligible to participate in the DSP Training Stipend Program.

Enclosed and posted on the Department's [website](#) are updated Frequently Asked Questions.

Regional centers should share this correspondence with vendor advisory committees. Vendors and DSPs should contact their local regional center with any questions. Regional center questions may be directed to Workforce@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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