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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO STATUS CODE “U” (PROVISIONAL ELIGIBILITY) IN SANDIS

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform regional centers that the use of status code “U” (provisional eligibility) in SANDIS has been expanded beyond children 3 and 4 years of age to also include children under age 3.

Background

In follow-up to the [August 5, 2021 correspondence](#) of the same subject, and pursuant to recent amendments to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code 4512(a), a child under the age of five may be found provisionally eligible for regional center services if the child has a disability that is not solely physical in nature and has significant functional limitations in at least two of the following areas of major life activity, as determined by a regional center:

1. Self-care
2. Receptive and expressive language
3. Learning
4. Mobility
5. Self-direction

Status Code “U”

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) worked with SANDIS to expand the group of individuals for whom status code “U” could apply to also include children under the age of 3. Please inform your case management staff, system operators and other staff, as needed, of this change.

The Department is considering information and guidance that would be helpful to regional centers in implementing the recent statutory change that extended Provisional Eligibility to children under age 3.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at brian.winfield@dds.ca.gov or (916) 654-1897.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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