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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM – DELIVERY OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE EARLY START PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

This correspondence is in follow-up to the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) [April 11, 2024 correspondence](#) regarding the Quality Incentive Program incentive for delivery of early intervention services.

To clarify, for the sections in the April 11, 2024 correspondence, titled, "Incentive Payment Processing," "Conditions for a Provider to Receive Incentive Payments," and "[Enclosure A](#)," of that correspondence, incentive payment processing by regional centers must be paid using a contract authorization, with the applicable service code associated with the service provider vendor number, and using only the payment subcodes identified in the updated and enclosed Enclosure A (updated June 26, 2024).

Conditions for a Provider to Receive Incentive Payments

The Department will validate the provider's eligibility for incentive payments using the following criteria, before authorizing payment. Condition 2, below, has been updated to include the underlined provision:

1. At the time payment of the incentive is made, the provider must meet the eligibility criteria for vendorization under [California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 2, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2](#), as evidenced by being a current regional center vendor.
2. Be compliant with, or implementing a corrective action plan for, the Home and Community-based Services Final Rule, and not be subject to a sanction by a regional center.

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For questions regarding this QIP measure or the incentive payments, please email QIPQuestions@DDS.CA.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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