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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM - EARLY INTERVENTION INCENTIVE

PAYMENTS FOR QUARTER 1 OF CALENDAR YEAR 2024

As described in the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) June 2024 <u>letter</u>, the Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Early Intervention measure utilizes administrative data to measure the amount of time between the purchase of service authorization start date and the first date on which a newly authorized early intervention service was provided to a child less than three years of age in the Early Start program.

This directive provides instructions for regional centers to distribute incentive payments for services initiated in January, February, and March 2024. Regional centers will receive individualized spreadsheets via email detailing the incentive payments to be paid to providers who met the requirements of this measure.

Incentive Payment Processing

Please share these instructions with your administrative and fiscal staff responsible for issuing payments to providers. The Department recommends that regional centers strive to issue these payments within 60 days of this directive. Payments should be made according to the subcodes shown in the individualized spreadsheet workbooks (QE3, QE2, and QE1) sent to each regional center which match the amounts and timeframes listed in Enclosure A of the June 2024 letter referenced above.

For questions regarding this letter, please email <u>qipquestions@dds.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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