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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES PAYMENTS

The Department of Developmental Services' (Department's) [September 29, 2023](#) guidance requires regional centers, through December 31, 2024, to pay Financial Management Services providers on a weekly basis. This guidance was issued pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 4685.8(p)(2), which authorizes the Department to issue program directives or similar instructions until regulations are adopted.

This directive extends the weekly payment requirement beyond December 31, 2024, until further notice. Regional centers shall make payment of accurately submitted invoices, if any, to Financial Management Services providers weekly and must adjust their payment practices in order to meet this requirement. Regional centers must provide the Department with written communication confirming their payment practices meet this requirement, via email to [sdp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sdp@dds.ca.gov) no later than December 31, 2024.

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 the Department's Self-Determination Program Branch at [sdp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sdp@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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