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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM – EMPLOYMENT CAPACITY
INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR QUARTER 3 OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

As described in the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) September 2024 [letter](#), the Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Employment Capacity measure collects data on the number of service provider employees who become newly certified or recertified as trained employment specialists through the Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE) or Certified Employment Support Professionals training programs.

This directive provides instructions for regional centers to distribute \$327,000 in approved incentive payments for January, February, and March 2024 to the specific providers who met the requirements for this measure. All incentives thus far have been claimed for newly ACRE-certified employment specialists.

Incentive Payment Processing

Please share these instructions with your administrative and fiscal staff responsible for issuing payments to providers. Regional centers are requested to issue these payments within 90 days of this directive. Payments should be made under Fiscal Year 2022-23 according to the subcodes shown in the spreadsheet workbooks uploaded to the Regional Center Portal SharePoint site.

For questions regarding this letter, please email gipquestions@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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