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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REGIONAL CENTER HOUSING PAYMENTS FOR SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES – RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

Assembly Bill 3291 amended Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 4689(i), effective January 1, 2025, regarding the provision of housing payments for individuals receiving supported living services.

For reference, WIC Section 4689(i), as amended by AB 3291, states:

- “(i) A regional center may make rent, mortgage, or lease payments on a supported living home, or pay for household expenses of consumers receiving supported living services only under the following circumstances:
- (1) If all of the following conditions are met, a regional center may make rent, mortgage, or lease payments as follows:
 - (A) The regional center executive director verifies in writing that making the rent, mortgage, or lease payments or paying for household expenses is required to meet the specific care needs unique to the individual consumer as set forth in an addendum to the consumer’s individual program plan, and is required when a consumer’s demonstrated risk of homelessness, medical, behavioral, or psychiatric condition presents a health and safety risk to the consumer or another.
 - (B) During the time period that a regional center is making rent, mortgage, or lease payments, or paying for household expenses, the supported living services vendor shall assist the consumer in accessing all sources of generic and natural supports consistent with the needs of the consumer.
 - (C) The regional center shall not make rent, mortgage, or lease payments on a supported living home or pay for household expenses for more than six months, unless the regional center finds that it is necessary to meet the individual consumer’s particular needs pursuant to the consumer’s individual program plan. The regional center shall review a finding of necessity on a quarterly basis and the regional center executive director shall annually verify in an addendum to the consumer’s individual program plan that the requirements set forth in subparagraph (A) continue to be met.” (Emphasis added)

As of January 1, 2025, regional centers may make rent, mortgage, or lease payments when an individual’s risk of homelessness presents a health and safety risk to the individual or another, as specified in the law provided above.

Regional centers must update purchase of service policies to align with statutory changes made by AB 3291. The attached document provides guidelines for determining when an individual served by a regional center meets the standard of “risk of homelessness.”

If you have questions, please contact your regional center’s primary liaison or Tiffani Andrade, Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Community Operations, at (916) 654-3016, or by email at Tiffani.Andrade@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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