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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

Quality Incentive Program - Provider Eligibility to Earn the Quality Incentive Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27

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What to Know

This directive explains how providers can participate in the Quality Incentive Program (QIP) to earn their full rate in fiscal year (FY) 2026-27. To participate, service providers must be eligible and have met several requirements:

- **Compliance**

To participate in the QIP, all service providers must have met the compliance requirements for:

- Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)
- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings Final Rule
- Independent Audits
- Registration in the Provider Directory

- **Eligibility**

To participate in the Fall 2025 QIP data collection, service providers must have:

- Provided services in FY 2024-25
- Operated in one of the service codes included in rate reform.

- **New and Reactivated Vendor Numbers**

Service providers who were approved to provide services on or after July 1, 2025 may participate in the QIP by completing a survey about their capacity to serve individuals during the vendor approval process. More details about this will be provided later.

Questions?

Email QIPQuestions@dds.ca.gov for questions about the Quality Incentive Program.

Learn More

For more information, please visit these resources:

[Electronic Visit Verification](#)

[Home and Community Base Services \(HCBS\) Settings Final Rule](#)

[Independent Audits \[Welfare and Institutions Code section 4652.5\]](#)

[Provider Directory](#)