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D-2025-Quality Incentive Program-017

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM – PREVENTION AND WELLNESS
MEASURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

In the Fall of 2025, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) will begin collecting data from service providers through three reporting measures as part of the [Quality Incentive Program \(QIP\)](#). One of these measures is the FY 2026-27 Prevention and Wellness measure, which collects information on the completion of preventative health screenings for individuals living in residential facilities/homes. By participating in this Prevention and Wellness measure, residential service providers with QIP-eligible Purchase of Service (POS) authorizations during FY 2024-25 (existing service providers) can earn either: (1) half of the [Quality Incentive component of their applicable rate model](#) for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, or (2) a one-time incentive for select residential services.

Residential service providers who were vendored or re-activated on or after July 1, 2025, are not eligible to participate in this Prevention and Wellness measure. Guidance for them to participate in the QIP will be provided in a separate directive.

QIP Residential Provider Eligibility

Eligibility requirements to participate in the QIP Prevention and Wellness data collection are detailed in the October 2025 [directive](#) D-2025-Quality Incentive Program-015. As described in that directive, existing service providers that meet the following criteria will be eligible to participate in the data collection and earn half of their Quality Incentive rate component beginning on July 1, 2026, or a one-time incentive payment for select residential services which are detailed later in this directive:

- Service providers that delivered services and have Purchase of Service (POS) authorizations for QIP-eligible service codes during FY 2024-25 can earn either half of their Quality Incentive rate component, or a one-time incentive, for FY 2026-27. Table 1 provides the QIP-eligible residential service codes.
- Service providers that are validated within the [Provider Directory](#) before October 30, 2025.

Quality Measure and Desired Outcome

The desired outcome of this measure is to gather information regarding the completion of preventative health screenings for adults and children living in eligible residential facilities/homes. This data will be used to support a deeper understanding of residential services in California, and to assist in planning future reporting and quality measures to

strengthen residential services for individuals. Service providers will be asked to report the date upon which each eligible resident last received their recommended preventative health screenings. The health screenings and frequencies for *adults* are based on recommendations by the [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force \(USPSTF\)](#):

Adult Health Screening	Population	Recommended Service Interval
Physical Exam	All adults (18 years or older)	At least once in the last fiscal year
Dental Exam	All adults (18 years or older)	At least once in the last fiscal year
Colorectal Screening	Adults aged 45 – 75 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stool-based test in last fiscal year • Flexible sigmoidoscopy in the last 5 fiscal years • Colonoscopy in the last 10 fiscal years
Breast Cancer Screening	Women aged 50 – 74 years	At least once in the last two fiscal years
Cervical Cancer Screening	Women aged 21 – 65 years	At least once in the last three fiscal years

The recommendations for health screenings and frequencies for *children* are based on those set forth by [the American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#), [the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry \(AAPD\)](#), and [the California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#):

Child Health Screening	Population	Recommended Service Interval
Annual Wellness Visit	All children (17 years or younger)	See the AAP periodicity schedule or details on screening frequency.
Dental Exam	All children (17 years or younger)	At least twice a fiscal year.
Vision Exam	All children (17 years or younger)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the AAP periodicity schedule for details on screening frequency. • See recommendations from the American Academy of Ophthalmology on choosing the correct type of vision exam.

Immunizations	All children (17 years or younger)	Up to date on California immunization requirements .
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Note: Regional centers and providers should prioritize supporting children and youth in the family or caregiver's home or in a family-based setting. Should the IPP team determine residential placement is required, these guidelines provide health screening information to be reported for residents ages 1 through 17.

Incentive Amount for Reporting

Eligible residential service providers can earn either a one-time incentive payment, or half of their Quality Incentive rate beginning July 1, 2026, by participating in this measure, as described below and in Table 1.

Quality Incentive Rate. Service providers operating Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHNs), Family Home Agencies (FHAs), Residential Facilities Serving Adults, Residential Facilities Serving Children, and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) operating under service codes 113, 905, and 915, can earn half of their Quality Incentive rate component by providing complete and accurate reporting for eligible residents.

One-Time Incentive. Residential service providers operating Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) under service codes 096 and 114, Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes (EBSH) or Group Homes for Children with Special Health Care Needs (GHCSHN) can earn a one-time incentive by participating in this measure. For reporting accurate and complete preventative health screening data, service providers will earn a QIP incentive payment of \$1,000 per resident for whom a report is made.

Required Reporting Criteria

Beginning on November 3, 2025, eligible residential service providers (see the “QIP Residential Provider Eligibility” section above) will receive a hyperlink to an online survey at the email address they registered in the Provider Directory. Service providers will receive a list of all eligible residents living in their facility/home, including information regarding all required preventative health screenings and/or immunizations for each resident.

- Eligible residents are individuals who have lived in the residential facility/home for one or more months during FY 2024-25.
- Providers will have until January 31, 2026, to submit reporting on all eligible residents for this QIP measure.

Service providers must submit complete reporting by January 31, 2026 and meet all other eligibility requirements in directive D-2025-Quality Incentive Program-015, to qualify for the Quality Incentive rate component or have access to QIP one-time incentive payments for FY 2026-27.

Data Validation and Rate Processing

Once the data has been reviewed and validated by the Department, regional centers will program the rate earned by the provider, inclusive of the earned Quality Incentive rate component, for FY 2026-27.

Training and Information

The Department will hold training webinars for regional centers and eligible service providers, which will be announced on the Department's [QIP webpage](#). The training webinars will include information on this FY 2026-27 Prevention and Wellness measure and reporting requirements, instructions on how to report data using the data collection tool, and other relevant information. The Department encourages all eligible service providers to attend the training webinars.

Questions from service providers should be directed to their vendoring regional center. Regional centers may submit questions to QIPquestions@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Regional Center Administrators
Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services
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Association of Regional Center Agencies

TABLE 1. LIST OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CODES ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREVENTION AND WELLNESS MEASURE AFFECTING THE FY 2026-27 QIP RATE

Service Codes Eligible to Earn Quality Incentive Rate for FY 2026-27	Service Codes Eligible to Earn One-Time Incentive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Home Agency (FHA) – <i>Service Code 904</i> • Residential Facilities Serving Adults – <i>Service Codes 905 (owner operated) and 915 (staff operated)</i> • Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN) – <i>Service Code 113</i> • Residential Facilities Serving Children – <i>Service Codes 910 (owner operated) and 920 (staff operated)</i> • Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE)- <i>Service codes 113, 905, and 915</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE)- <i>Service codes 096 and 114</i> • Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes (EBSH) - <i>Service codes 900 & 901</i> • Group Home for Children with Special Health Care Needs (GHCSHN) – <i>Service code 163</i>