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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TRANSITION OF STATUS U CHILDREN OVER FIVE YEARS OF AGE

This letter serves to remind regional centers about requirements for transitioning children out of provisional eligibility (status code U) into Lanterman Act services (status code 2) or the most appropriate status if not determined eligible for ongoing services (e.g., Closed; Inactive) by the child's fifth birthday. As of December 2025, statewide data indicate there were 1,745 children over the age of 60 months who were still in status U.

Starting January 2026, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) will provide monthly counts of children who are over age 5 and coded as status U to regional centers to identify the need for timelier transitions for these individuals. The monthly counts of children 60+ months and in status U will be posted on the Department's [website](#) under Monthly Caseload Reports.

Transition at Age Five

Pursuant to [Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\) Section 4512\(4\)](#), a child who is provisionally eligible is required to be reassessed at least 90 days prior to turning five years of age. The child must meet the definition of a developmental disability set forth in statutes to continue to be eligible for ongoing regional center services past the fifth birthday. If a child does not meet the eligibility criteria, then their services must end. A child in status code U shall not be set to status code 0 while being assessed for potential or actual transition to a Lanterman Act eligibility status (status code 2). A child at or older than age 5 who has been determined not eligible for ongoing services must continue to receive services in Status U only when an appeal on this eligibility determination is filed as outlined in [WIC Section 4715](#).

For questions or additional information, please contact the Transitions and Partnerships Section via email at childrenandyouthtransitions@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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