

**November 18, 2025**

Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF OUT-OF-STATE SERVICES**

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## **What to Know**

This letter reminds regional centers that they cannot buy services from another state. The Department must approve a request in advance. The letter shows a couple of times where the rule is different.

This letter reminds regional centers how to ask for services from a provider in another state. It explains what to do when a person needs that kind of service. It describes the information needed in the request before the Department considers it.

## **What's Changing**

Nothing is changing. This is a reminder to regional centers about the law and the steps to follow when asking the Department for approval to pay for services from another state.

## **Questions?**

Regional center questions should be sent to the Department's Safety Net team, at [SafetyNet@dds.ca.gov](mailto:SafetyNet@dds.ca.gov).