

December 31, 2025

Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

SIR REGULATIONS UPDATE

P-2025-Reporting Requirements-003

What to Know

Updated rules (called regulations) for Special Incident Reporting (SIR) will take effect on May 1, 2026.

To help regional centers and vendors with these changes, resources have been developed and are available on the Department's [Risk Management and Mitigation website](#).

This program guidance gives regional centers and vendors instructions on how to get ready for the updated regulations. It also informs them about training opportunities during the Spring of 2026.

What is Changing?

This program guidance does not change services for individuals and families. Regional centers and vendors will need to make sure they are using the new SIR rules correctly by May 1, 2026.

Regulations for SIRs have been updated to make it easier to understand what kind of incidents have to be reported. The updates also will help all regional centers be more consistent in how they report SIRs. For specific details on the SIR changes, visit the [Special Incident Reporting \(SIR\)](#) page on the DDS website. .

Questions?

Vendors should contact their vendoring regional centers. Regional centers should contact the Department's Risk Management Branch at orm@dds.ca.gov.

Learn More

To learn more, visit: [Risk Management and Mitigation](#)