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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

# QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM – NEW PROVIDER MEASURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

## D-2026-Quality Incentive Program-001

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### What to Know

This directive explains how newly vendored eligible providers can participate in the quality measure to earn their Quality Incentive rate item for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Participating service providers must report specific information about their workforce by February 27, 2026.

### What's Changing

This directive does not change how individuals or families receive services. This directive outlines the rules providers must follow to participate in the QIP Provider Capacity measure for 2026-27.

### Questions?

Email [QIPQuestions@dds.ca.gov](mailto: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](#)
- [QIP Webpage](#)