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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

ALTERNATIVES FOR SERVICE DELIVERY

G-2026-Case Management-001

What to Know

Regional centers can ask to explore new ways of delivering services to support individuals with developmental disabilities. To do this, regional centers need to request an “AB 637 waiver” from the Department. When an AB 637 waiver is approved, some laws can be set aside to make the new idea for service delivery work. The Department can say yes or no to AB 637 waiver requests.

AB 637 waivers are for big, new ideas. They are not for small changes or to adjust rates. The goal of these waivers is to find better ways to support people getting regional center services.

What's Changing

This guidance is for regional centers, not individuals or family members. While AB 637 waivers are not new, this guidance makes new, specific recommendations to the regional centers about how to best request an AB 637 waiver. These items include getting community input, having public hearings, describing what they need to submit in a request, and an annual reporting requirement on how their approved AB 637 waivers are working.

Questions?

Individuals and families with questions about alternatives for service delivery should contact their service coordinator. Regional centers with questions can call or email the Community Operations Branch at (833) 421-0061 or healthandsafetyrequest@dds.ca.gov.

Regional centers can ask for a meeting with the Department before preparing and submitting a proposal. This can help decide if a waiver is needed.

Learn More

Read the full text of G-2026-Case Management-001 to learn more. The full guidance document has detailed information regional centers should read before submitting an AB 637 request. More information is also available in Welfare and Institutions Code Sections [4669.2](#) and [4669.75](#).

