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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

COORDINATED CAREER PATHWAYS PILOT – NEW ENROLLMENT IS CLOSED & LIMITS FOR SERVICES

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What to Know

The Coordinated Career Pathways pilot program had one-time funding of \$8.2 million. The pilot is using its budget faster than expected. Changes are being made so the program can continue supporting people who are already enrolled.

What's Changing

Starting now, no new referrals can be made to Coordinated Career Pathways program. Changes for people already enrolled in the pilot are:

- Participants can stay in the program for up to **12 months total**.
- Participants who have been in the program for more than 11 months have **30 calendar days** to move to a different service or activity such as Supported Employment-Individual Placement, Job Development, and the Paid Internship Program.
- This can be extended up to **3 extra months** only when:
 - The regional center Executive Director approves it, and
 - Ending services early would harm the participant's chances of getting a job or
 - Another employment-related service is not available to start.
- New monthly limits are now in place:
 - **Career Pathway Navigator:** up to 30 hours per month
 - **Customized Employment Specialist:** up to 50 hours per month
- Participants who currently have more hours than these limits will have their authorizations updated.

Questions?

Individuals and families with questions should contact their service coordinator. Regional centers can email their questions to

EmploymentPilot@dds.ca.gov.

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