

March 11, 2026

Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

RATE REFORM IMPLEMENTATION FOR ADULT DAY SERVICES: BEHAVIORAL DAY PROGRAMS

D-2026-Rate Reform-002

What to Know

This notice explains the rules for Behavior Day Programs (service code 532). It is from a directive issued on December 19, 2025 ([D-2024-Rate Reform-008 REV](#)).

What's Changing

This directive does not change how individuals and families receive services. This directive is for regional centers and providers. This is for regional centers having trouble hiring Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) or Behavior Management Consultants. For this reason, the Department is giving regional centers until February 28, 2026, to meet the staffing requirements for Behavioral Day Programs. The Department will not check these requirements until after March 1, 2027.

Questions

Service providers with questions should contact the regional center that approved their services. Regional centers with questions can email ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov.

Learn More

For more information, visit the [Rate Reform section of the Department's website](#). (<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-reform/>)