

March 25, 2026

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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STANDARDIZED PURCHASE OF SERVICE POLICY FOR SOCIAL RECREATION, CAMPING AND NON-MEDICAL THERAPIES

This letter provides regional centers with a standardized purchase of service (POS) policy for Social Recreation, Camping and Non-Medical Therapy Services (Attachment). The Department of Developmental Services (Department) recommends that the standardized policy be used as is, without modifications. Regional centers that adopt and submit this standardized POS policy will be deemed as having the policy approved by the Department upon receipt.

The Department recommends that the standardized POS policy be adopted without modifications, except for two pre-approved updates:

- 1) Regional centers should insert their regional center exception policy language pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) Section [4620.3\(f\)](#), and in consideration of the requirements of [the March 2026 directive](#) on POS considerations;
- 2) Regional centers should put the policy on their regional center letterhead before returning to the Department.

If a regional center modifies the attached POS policy, beyond these two items, the Department will complete its standard review process pursuant to [Welfare & Institutions Code Section 4434 \(d\)](#).

Regional centers who have submitted a Social Recreation, Camping and/or Non-Medical Therapy Services POS policy to the Department and are awaiting approval, can choose to resubmit using the standardized POS policy. For regional centers who have an existing, approved POS policy, the Department as part of its monitoring responsibilities, pursuant to WIC Section 4434(d), will be reviewing these policies for alignment with the legislative intent of WIC Section 4688.22. Regional centers must submit any revisions to their policy by email to cob@dds.ca.gov.

If you have questions about this letter, contact your Primary Regional Center Liaison in the Community Operations Branch at cob@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Regional Center Administrators
Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services
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Association of Regional Center Agencies