

March 19, 2026

Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

FUNDING TO SUPPORT COMPLIANCE WITH HCBS SETTINGS RULE

G-2026-Home and Community-Based Services-001

What to Know

This letter explains how regional centers can use available Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) funds. The Department has received HCBS funding every year since 2016-2017. These funds help programs comply with the federal HCBS Settings Rule. This letter also explains how regional centers should report their plans for using this funding to the Department.

What's Changing

This guidance does not change how individuals and families receive services. The 2025-2026 budget year includes \$15 million in funding to help providers comply with the HCBS Settings Rule. This funding also supports community efforts that help promote and maintain quality services. Regional centers must submit their plan for use of these funds to the Department for review and approval no later than Friday, April 24, 2026.

Questions?

Individuals or families with questions about this guidance should ask their service coordinator. Regional centers with questions should contact hcbsregs@dds.ca.gov.

Learn More

For more information about the HCBS Settings Rule and past funding to support compliance, [visit the DDS webpage](https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/cms-hcbs-regulations/hcbs-compliance-funding).
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