

**March 25, 2026**

*Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:*

# STANDARD PURCHASE OF SERVICE POLICY FOR SOCIAL RECREATION, CAMPING, & NON-MEDICAL THERAPIES

G-Case Management-003

## **What to Know**

All regional centers must have an approved policy for Social Recreation, Camping, and Non-Medical Therapy services. These policies also must be available online and be approved by the Department of Developmental Services (Department).

## **What's Changing**

The Department is providing a new standard policy recommended for use by all regional centers.

- Any regional center that uses this new, standard policy will get immediate approval when sent to the Department on their letterhead with their regional center's exception policy language added.
- If a regional center changes this new standard policy before submitting it, the Department will complete its regular review process for policies, as required by law ([Welfare & Institutions Code Section 4434\(d\)](#)).
- Social Recreation, Camping and Non-Medical Therapy policies must be emailed to the Department within 90 days of receiving the guidance letter.

## **Questions?**

Regional centers with questions should email [cob@dds.ca.gov](mailto:cob@dds.ca.gov). Individuals and families with questions should contact their service coordinator.

## **Learn More**

To learn more, visit the [February 6, 2024, directive on the DDS website](#).

