

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Q: Why is the Department moving to the LACC Program two-year planning cycle?**

A: The two-year cycle supports longer-term planning and reduces administrative burden for both regional centers and the Department. It allows regional centers to structure activities and execute contracts over a longer term while maintaining alignment with annual state funding.
- 2. Q: If plans cover two years, will the funding also extend for the full two years?**

A: No, LACC funding continues to be allocated on an annual basis based upon funding provided by the state budget. Regional centers will receive funds yearly and must align their activities with the level of funding provided each FY year.
- 3. Has the due date for LACC plan submissions changed from previous years?**

A: Yes, the plan submission is now due June 1, 2026, for the Department’s review and approval. The new deadline extends the previous due date of May 15, as outlined in the November 25, 2024, Revised Directive.
- 4. Q: What happens if annual funding levels change during the two-year plan period?**

A: Regional centers must adjust their planned activities to reflect available annual funding. The two-year plan provides a framework, but implementation must remain consistent with the state budget.
- 5. Q: Will there be a template or guidance for the new two-year plan format?**

A: Yes. Regional centers will continue to submit their two-year plans through GrantVantage to support standardized submission, and review across all regional centers, with minor updates in that system to reflect the change to a two-year cycle.
- 6. Q: Do regional centers need to formally amend or resubmit their plans if funding levels change?**

A: The full LACC plan resubmission is not required unless funding changes result in major revisions to planned activities. Otherwise, regional centers must submit an amendment explaining the updates and the reasons for the changes. Minor adjustments may be documented through regular progress reports.
- 7. Q: What is the difference between a “major revision” and a “minor adjustment” to the LACC Plan?**

A: A major revision is a significant change to activities, goals, or resource allocations that affects the direction or expected impact of the approved plan. Major revisions require an amendment.

A minor adjustment is a routine operational or timing change that does not alter the plan’s overall intent or outcomes. These adjustments may affect one or more

activities but do not alter the overall direction or intended outcome. Regional centers may document minor adjustments by submitting budget change requests through GrantVantage.

8. Q: Can regional centers carry LACC expenditures into the second fiscal year?

A: Regional centers may carry expenditures into the second fiscal year if they are properly encumbered. However, funds from the second fiscal year cannot be spent until they have been allocated. All funds for the two-year project period must be fully expended by June 30, and expenditure claims must be submitted by August 31 of the second plan year.

9. How will the Department assess performance over the two-year plan period if activities in Year 1 and Year 2 differ due to funding changes?

A: The Department will evaluate performance across the full two-year period. The review will consider the activities originally planned, any approved amendments, and the funding available each year. Assessments will focus on whether the regional center made reasonable progress toward its goals based on the resources provided and the adjustments required.