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

# NEW STAR HOME REFERRAL PROCESS

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## What to Know

This directive gives regional centers updated information and step-by-step guidance about a new standardized process to refer and admit people into Stabilization, Training, Assistance and Reintegration (STAR) homes. The directive explains:

- What is required when making a referral to a STAR home
- What is needed during STAR transition planning
- What follow-up is expected after a person is placed in a STAR home

## What's Changing

Nothing is changing for individuals and families who receive services. Key updates for regional centers in this directive include:

- Clear instructions on what documents must be submitted to the Department for an individual to be referred for STAR admission.
- A link to the new [DocuSign Referral Form](#) RCs must use for any STAR referrals.
- Standard documentation expectations for the entire STAR process (referral, admission, transition planning, and post-placement follow-up), to include who is accountable for what and confirm compliance with required timelines.

## Questions?

Regional Centers can email [StarReferrals@dds.ca.gov](mailto:StarReferrals@dds.ca.gov) for help or more information.

## Learn More

To learn more about STAR homes visit [their page on the DDS website](https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/state-facilities/star).  
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