

June 3, 2026

D-2026-Quality Incentive Program-003REV

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM - ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT
UPDATE

D-2026-Quality Incentive Program-003 issued on February 11, 2026, hereby is revised as displayed on page 1 of this letter in bold font with underlined italics.

In Fall 2025, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) started collecting data via three Quality Incentive Program (QIP) reporting measures for providers who billed for services in FY 2024-25. This guidance clarifies eligibility requirements established in Directive [D-2025-Quality Incentive Program-015](#).

QIP Eligibility Requirements

Service providers can check the status of their QIP survey submission and requirements statuses on the [QIP webpage](#) of the [Department's website](#). To qualify for the **FY 2025-26 Quality Incentive rate component**, service providers must meet these requirements:

- Service providers must complete vendorization with a regional center.
- Service providers must register and validate their information in the provider directory as outlined in the QIP's Provider Directory (PD) directive [D-2025-Quality Incentive Program-005](#).
- **Effective March 1, 2026, Service providers who complete vendorization through the [standardized vendorization process](#) during FY 2025-26, and complete registration and validation in the PD, are eligible to begin receiving their quality incentive rate component for the remainder of FY 2025-26 as of the Provider Directory validation date.**

To be eligible to qualify for the **FY 2026-27 Quality Incentive rate component**, service providers must comply with the applicable HCBS Final Rule, Electronic Visit Verification (EVV), and Independent Audits or Reviews requirements as detailed in the *QIP Provider Eligibility Requirements* section of directive [D-2025-Quality Incentive Program-015](#).

Future Dates

All service providers operating in QIP-eligible service codes (see Attachment A) who miss the February 27, 2026 deadline for applicable HCBS, EVV, and Independent Audits or Reviews eligibility requirements for the FY 2026-27 Quality Incentive rate

component still can earn it after they achieve the eligibility requirements if the applicable QIP survey was completed by the deadline. **For providers doing so, regional centers will apply the QIP rate component on the first of the month that begins not sooner than 60 days after eligibility is verified AND no earlier than September 1, 2026.**

For more details, please review the directive [Provider Eligibility and Compliance Requirements for FY 2026-27](#). Service providers should direct questions to their vendoring regional center. For questions or additional guidance on the Quality Incentive Program, please contact qipquestions@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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

QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM: RATE STRUCTURE

To earn their full (10%) quality incentive rate component for FY 2026-27, all providers operating in the services codes listed in the table below must meet eligibility criteria for the QIP and also participate in the Initial QIP Provider Survey to earn their full quality incentive rate component.

ALL SERVICE CODES ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INITIAL QIP PROVIDER SURVEY FOR FY 2026-27	
Service Code	Type of Service
025	Tutor Services – Group
048	Client/Parent Support Behavior Intervention Training
055	Community Integration Training Program
062	Personal Assistance
063	Community Activities Support Services
073	Parent Coordinated Supported Living
091	In-home/Mobile Day Program
093	Parent Coordinated Personal Assistance
096	Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly
103	Specialized Health, Treatment & Training Services
108	Parenting Support Services
109	Supplemental Residential Program Support
110	Supplemental Day Program Support
111	Supplemental Program Support – Other Services
113	ARFPSHN
115	Specialized Therapeutic Services
116	Early Specialized Therapeutic Services
117	Specialized Therapeutic Services
163	GHCSHN
456	Participant-Directed Personal Assistance
457	Participant-Directed Independent Living
458	Participant-Directed Supported Employment
465	Participant-Directed Respite
475	Participant-Directed Community-Based Training
505	Activity Center
510	Adult Development Center
515	Behavior Management Program
520	Independent Living Program
531	Day Services
532	Behavioral Day Services
533	Medical Day Services
605	Adaptive Skills Training
612	Behavior Analyst

613	Associate Behavior Analyst
615	Behavior Management Assistant
616	Behavioral Technician – Paraprofessional
620	Behavior Management Consultant
635	Independent Living Specialist
645	Mobility Training Services Agency
650	Mobility Training Services Specialist
680	Tutor Services
805	Infant Development Program
858	Homemaker
860	Housekeeping
862	Respite
864	In-home Respite Worker
875	Transportation Company
880	Transportation – Additional Component
882	Transportation Assistant
883	Transportation Broker
894	Supported Living Services – Administrative
896	Supported Living Services
900 & 901	Enhanced Behavioral Supports Home – Facility and Individual Services
904	Family Home Agency
905	Residential Facility Serving Adults – Owner Operated
910	Residential Facility Serving Children – Owner Operated
915	Residential Facility Serving Adults – Staff Operated
920	Residential Facility Serving Children – Staff Operated
950	Supported Employment – Group
952	Supported Employment – Individual
954	Work Activity Program

**All service codes including an asterisk in the table above indicate that these service types may be vendored under different service codes.*