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D-2026-QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM-004

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM - FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 QIP VENDOR
STATUS LIST NOW AVAILABLE

This directive informs regional centers that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Status List is now available through the Regional Center Portal. Regional centers must use this information to establish service provider rates for FY 2026-27 that begins July 1, 2026. The QIP Status List provides service provider QIP status information, meaning the portion of the FY 2026-27 QIP rate component earned by each service provider based upon its eligibility for QIP and compliance with applicable QIP requirements.

Quality Incentive Status List

Regional centers may access the Excel spreadsheet list in the "Office of Quality Assurance" folder within the Regional Center Portal (RC Portal) following this file path: Office of Quality Assurance > QIP Survey Tracker > "Quality Incentive Status – FY 26 27". The Status List includes all vendors utilizing a [QIP-eligible service code](#) and reflects whether each vendor has earned 90, 95 or 100 percent of the rate model rates effective July 1, 2026, based on the QIP requirements referenced in this directive: [D-2026-Quality Incentive Program-003](#).

The Status List also includes a start date and change date to assist regional centers in identifying when the FY 2026-27 QIP status became effective and whether an update has occurred. Additionally, the Status List includes the underlying factors used to determine each provider's QIP Status (90, 95 or 100 percent of the rate model), including completion of the applicable QIP eligibility requirements of Independent Audits or Reviews, Home and Community Based Services Settings Rule, and Electronic Visit Verification.

Attachment A contains a listing and descriptions of each QIP survey, which helps to explain the QIP Status List. The QIP Status List includes three tabs:

- (1) a "Guide" tab that includes instruction on how to use and understand the lists,
- (2) a "POS 2425 Provider (PC,PW,EMP)" tab that includes the QIP status for each vendor that received a QIP survey(s), and
- (3) a "New Provider" tab that includes the status for each vendor who received the Initial Provider Survey (IPS).

The three tabs organize all providers by parent ID, vendor number, vendor name, and regional center, along with their QIP eligibility status, survey completion information, and earned percentage of the applicable rate model. The "POS 2425 Provider (PC,PW,EMP)" and "New Provider" tabs contain similar types of information but are separated in order to distinguish between providers who operated and billed for services during FY 2024-25 and service

providers who were newly vended in FY 2025-26 and all other providers referenced in this directive: [D-2026-Quality Incentive Program-001](#).

The Status List will be updated on or before the last Friday of each month by the Department and a new copy will be saved to the same location in each regional center's folder in the RC Portal. It can be filtered by changing the date to learn of any changes in the status of a vendor, due to completion of the Initial Provider Survey, or because late compliance was verified as directed in

[D-2026-Quality Incentive Program-003](#). This allows regional centers to easily track when the last change was made for each vendor. Previous versions of the Status List can be referenced to verify a service provider's prior status.

The Status List is a comprehensive workbook and shares the same information with all regional centers. Therefore, all users will have visibility into information for all service providers in rate reform.

As a reminder, providers who completed their QIP surveys within the specified timeframes for any of the surveys, but were not compliant with the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV), Home and Community Based Services Final Settings Rule (HCBS), or Independent Audits and Financial Reviews QIP eligibility requirements may earn a portion of their quality incentive rate in the future during FY 2026-27 upon their completion of these requirements, as explained in [D-2026-Quality Incentive Program-003](#).

Service providers will continue to access the most recently updated Status List on the [Department's QIP webpage](#) under the "Provider Survey Status" tab. This list will be updated on or before the last Friday of each month to reflect any vendorizations that earn the QIP rate increment of the applicable rate model, including the effective date of the newly earned rate(s).

If assistance is needed accessing the RC Portal or locating the Status List, or if there are general questions about QIP, please contact QIPquestions@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services
Regional Center Community Services Directors
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Quality Incentive Program (QIP): Survey Acronyms and Descriptions

The surveys listed and described below are for surveys conducted to inform providers' rates for fiscal year (FY) 2026-27.

Survey Name	Survey Acronym	Survey Description
Provider Capacity	PC	The Provider Capacity Survey (PC) was sent to all providers operating in rate reform service codes that provided and billed for services in the prior fiscal year. It collects information about the provider's demographics (wages, size of workforce, locations, and other information.).
Employment	EMP	The Employment Survey (EMP) was sent to employment providers that provided and billed for services under service codes 950 and 952 during the prior fiscal year. It collects information about the provider's staff training and employment outcomes for individuals receiving services.
Prevention and Wellness	PW	The Prevention and Wellness Survey (PW) was sent to residential services providers that provided and billed for services under rate reform residential service codes in the prior fiscal year. It collects information about the age and gender appropriate health screenings completed by individuals receiving services.
Initial Provider Survey	IPS	The Initial Provider Survey (IPS) is sent to all new providers who were vended since July 1, 2025 and did not bill for services in FY 2024-25, and are operating or plan to operate in rate reform service codes. It collects information about the services the provider plans to offer including locations and the languages services will be provided in. It is different than the Provider Capacity Survey (PC) which is only sent to service providers who already have provided and billed for services.