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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

Day Program – Updates for Length of Day and Corresponding Billing

D-2026-Rate Reform-004

What to Know

Beginning July 1, 2026, Day Program rates will be based on the hours of service in the program design, between four hours and eight hours. Regional centers will transition authorizations to the correct daily rate by December 31, 2026. Programs shorter than three and a half hours, or delivered on the same day as other services, may continue to bill hourly. Ongoing remote services are to be provided in a regular Day Program (service code 531).

What's Changing

This directive does not change how individuals receive their services. This directive replaces previous billing guidance for Day Programs and updates daily rates based on program service hours.

Questions?

Service providers with questions should contact their vendoring regional center. Regional centers should email questions to ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov.

Learn More

To learn more about rate reform, visit the Department's [Rate Reform webpage](http://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-reform). (www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-reform)

