

June 5, 2026

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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: RATES FOR INFANT DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST (SERVICE CODE 810)

Effective July 1, 2026, Infant Development Specialist (Service Code 810) will utilize a new hourly rate, found [here](#). All services are to be provided using a 1:1 ratio with the subcode 100.

There are no changes to the service definition or requirements.

Infant Development Specialist -- Service Code 810. A regional center shall classify a vendor as an independent infant development specialist if the vendor has at least one year of experience working with parents and children with disabilities and possesses either of the following:

(A) A valid license or certification in one of the following disciplines:

1. Occupational therapy;
2. Physical therapy;
3. Special education;
4. Psychology;
5. Nursing; or
6. Speech and language therapy; or

(B) A Masters degree in child development/early childhood education which includes a minimum of 15 units of formal instruction in at least one of the following areas:

1. Typical and atypical infant development;
2. Infant assessment;
3. Infant intervention techniques; or
4. Family involvement in infant treatment.

This letter should be shared with regional center employees and providers of this service. If providers have questions regarding this letter, they should contact their vendoring regional center. Questions from regional centers should be directed to ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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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