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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: RATE REFORM GUIDANCE: EXCESSIVE MILEAGE RATE MODELS

D-2025-Rate Reform-007, issued on September 5, 2025, hereby is revised as displayed in strikethroughs and underlined italics. No other changes were made to the letter.

As part of continued rate reform efforts, and pursuant to the rate implementation timeline in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4519.10, this directive outlines the use of an additional payment for vendors using service codes *062,* 116, 117, *605, 612, 613, 615, 616, 620,* 805,~~ and ~~862*, 896, 950, and 952* that document actual mileage which exceeds the mileage assumptions in the respective rate models. These service codes are for *Personal Assistance,* Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services and Specialized Therapeutic Services, *Adaptive Skills Training, Behavior Analyst, Associate Behavior Analyst, Behavior Management Assistant, Behavior Technician Paraprofessional, Behavior Management Consultant,* Infant Development Program,~~ and~~ In-home Respite Agency services*, Supported Living Services, Supported Employment-Group, and Supported Employment - Individual*, respectively.

Beginning November 1, 2025, these vendors may bill a per-mile rate inclusive of overall costs, including staff time, vehicle costs and agency overhead. *Following regional center approval, vendors may begin billing for excessive mileage for the time period beginning with the calendar month of the regional center's approval.* The determination of excessive miles will be made at the vendor level for a given category of staff by comparing the number of miles funded through paid claims for services delivered by the staff within a category (based on the applicable rate model assumption) to the actual miles driven by staff in that category employed by the vendor. For example, if an 805 vendor employs early intervention specialists and early intervention assistants, there will be one determination for potential excessive mileage for all the vendor's early intervention specialists and a separate determination for all the vendor's early intervention assistants. These models can be found here. For additional service codes not posted, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) will consider additional service code rate models based on documented necessity. *When additional service codes are approved, they will be announced via another directive and found on the "rates only" files posted on the Department's website here*.

The Department will give regional centers the Excessive Mileage Cost Calculator worksheet. Regional centers will give this worksheet to providers who meet the criteria specified in this directive for excessive travel and will verify the data before making payments. Providers who seek reimbursement for excessive mileage will need to collect the following information to complete the worksheet:

- Vendor number
- Regional center
- Service code
- Discipline (area of practice, such as Speech and Language Pathology)
- Month and year in which the excess miles were accumulated
- Number of billed service hours across all workers within a practitioner group
- Actual miles driven by all workers to provide the service.

The worksheet will compare the number of funded miles to the reported actual miles. If the actual miles exceed the funded miles, the worksheet will calculate the payment amount based on the applicable per-mile rate which the regional center will pay out in single monthly payment based on service and subcode.

Billing Components

- *Personal Assistance (service code 062). Providers will bill based on the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with the second position of the subcode replaced by "T."*
- Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services and Specialized Therapeutic Services (service codes116 and 117). Providers will bill by either the Professional or supervised Assistant, and the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with *the* second position of the subcode replaced by "T."
- *Adaptive Skills Training (service code 605). Providers will bill by either the Professional or Specialist, and the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with the second position of the subcode replaced by "T."*
- *Behavior Analyst (service code 612). Providers will bill based on the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with the second position of the subcode replaced by "T."*
- *Associate Behavior Analyst (service code 613). Providers will bill based on the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with the second position of the subcode replaced by "T."*
- *Behavior Management Assistant (service code 615). Providers will bill based on the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with the second position of the subcode replaced by "T."*
- *Behavior Technician Paraprofessional (service code 616). Providers will bill based on the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with the second position of the subcode replaced by "T."*
- *Behavior Management Consultant (service code 620) Providers will bill based on the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with the second position of the subcode replaced by "T."*
- Infant Development Program (service code 805). Providers will bill based on services delivered by an Early Intervention Specialist, Early Intervention Assistant, Early Intervention Technician, Professional or supervised Assistant

and the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with *the* second position of the subcode replaced by “T.”

- In-Home Respite Agency (service code 862). Providers will bill based on the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with the second position of the subcode replaced by “T.”
- *Supported Living Services (service code 896). Providers will bill based on the ratio of employee to supported individuals, with the second position of the subcode replaced by “T.”*
- *Supported Employment – Group (service code 950). Providers will bill based on job coach’s hours, with the second position of the subcode replaced by “T.”*
- *Supported Employment – Individual (service code 952). Providers will bill by either job development or job coaching, with the fourth position of the subcode replaced by “T.”*

Regional centers must share this directive with involved regional center staff and your provider network. If providers, individuals and/or their families have questions regarding this directive, they should contact their vendoring regional center. Questions from regional centers should be directed to ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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