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*Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:*

# Regional Center POS Requirements and Considerations

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## What to Know

A purchase of service (POS) is created when a regional center pays a provider (also called a vendor) to deliver a service to a regional center client. Part of a regional center's job is to help individuals and families choose what services and supports a person needs.

This directive tells regional centers what laws in the California Welfare and Institutions Code they have to follow when they are deciding the services to buy for an individual.

This directive also tells regional centers what they should be thinking about when deciding to purchase a service.

## Questions?

Individuals and families with questions about this directive should ask their service coordinator. Regional centers with questions should email the Department's Community Operations Branch at [cob@dds.ca.gov](mailto:cob@dds.ca.gov).

## Learn More

To learn more, see [Welfare & Institutions Code 4646.4](#).

