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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

Higher IRS Mileage Rates Effective July 1, 2026

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What to Know

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) increased the mileage rate reimbursement amount from \$0.725 per mile to \$0.76 per mile.

What's Changing

This letter does not change how individuals and their families get services. It is an update to the reimbursement rates paid to service providers for mileage for applicable services.

Starting July 1, 2026, rate models impacted by the change in IRS mileage reimbursement rate have been increased and can be found on [the rate models page of the Department's website](https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-reform/rates-only-files-updated-july-1-2026) (<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-reform/rates-only-files-updated-july-1-2026>). Regional Centers must implement the new posted rates for any rate model impacted by mileage.

Questions?

Service providers with questions about the mileage reimbursement rate increase should reach out to their vendoring regional center. Regional centers should direct questions to ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov.

Learn More

Visit the IRS website to learn more about the [standard mileage rates](https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates) (<https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates>).

