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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CALAVERAS, EL DORADO, HUMBOLDT, LOS ANGELES, MARIN, MENDOCINO, MODOC, MONO, MONTEREY, ORANGE, RIVERSIDE, SAN BERNARDINO, SAN DIEGO, SAN MATEO, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA CLARA, SHASTA, TEHAMA, TRINITY, VENTURA, AND YOLO COUNTIES

As a result of the atmospheric river system that started January 5, 2019 and an additional atmospheric river system that started on February 12, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency on February 21, 2019, for the counties listed above.

These atmospheric river systems have brought high winds, substantial precipitation, flooding, extensive snowfall, dangerous flash flooding, erosion, widespread power outages, and mud and debris flows. Additionally, these winter storms caused damage to critical infrastructure and to roads and highways throughout the State.

The circumstances of these winter storms, by reason of their magnitude, are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat.

As a result of the State of Emergency declared for the counties listed above, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) is authorizing, pursuant to Title 17, California Code of Regulations section 54326 (a)(11), regional centers to pay vendors for absences that are the direct result of these winter storms in the counties listed above. The applicable regulation section reads as follows:

"All vendors shall...] Not bill for consumer absences for nonresidential services. The Department shall authorize payment for absences which are the direct result of situations and/or occurrences for which a State of Emergency has been declared by the Governor. If payment for absences due to a State of Emergency is authorized by the Department, the vendor shall bill only for absences in excess of the average number of absences experienced by the vendor during the 12-month period prior to the month in which the disaster occurred."

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Sincerely,

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