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NOTICE

DATE: December 23, 2015

TO: In-Home Respite Agency Services (862); Personal Assistance Services (062);
and, Supported Living Services (896) Vendors

FROM: Frances Jacobs
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SUBJECT: 5.82 Percent Rate Increase for In-Home Respite Agency Services, Supported Living Services and Personal Assistance Services Effective December 1, 2015

Due to changes in the definition of “companionship services” under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S. C. Sec. 201 et seq.), Welfare and Institutions Code, section 4691.6 (h) was added, authorizing a 5.82 percent rate increase for In-Home Respite Agency Services, Personal Assistance Services and Supported Living Services.

DDS will implement the new federal regulations by increasing the current rates by 5.82 percent for all in-home respite agency services who provide one-to-one, non-conversion respite services for whom DDS set the original rate.

For in-home respite agency services vendors with ELARC negotiated rates for conversion respite and for additional siblings – ratios 1:2 and 1:3 – (rates that were originally negotiated between the provider and the regional center) the ELARC will implement the rate increase. The ELARC will also implement the rate increase for rates that were similarly negotiated between the regional center and the provider for providers of Personal Assistance Services and Supported Living Services.

DDS will issue new rate letters for In-Home Respite Agency vendors. ELARC will issue new payment agreements for vendors with negotiated rates through ELARC. The increase will reflect a 5.82 percent increase applied as a percentage of the provider rates and is effective December 1, 2015.

If you have any questions, contact your assigned Community Services Specialist. For additional information, go to the website of the Department at <https://www.dds.ca.gov> and click on vendors and general information.