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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

As a result of the terrorist attack that occurred at the Inland Regional Center on December 2, 2015, in which 14 people were killed and 26 people were injured, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., declared a State of Emergency for San Bernardino County on December 18, 2015.

San Bernardino County immediately responded to the attack with all of its available resources, including deploying all law enforcement, fire, and emergency personnel, and was assisted in its efforts by the California Highway Patrol, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

The circumstances of this terrorist attack, have caused conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in San Bernardino County.

Since there is a declared State of Emergency, 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 the terrorist attack in the county 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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If you have questions about this correspondence, please contact me at (916) 654-3722  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rapone Anderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RAPONE ANDERSON  
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cc: Regional Center Chief Counselors  
Regional Center Administrators  
Association of Regional Center Agencies