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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

As a result of the Chimney fire that started August 13, 2016, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., declared a State of Emergency on August 15, 2016, for San Luis Obispo County.

This fire has destroyed homes and businesses and is threatening hundreds of additional structures, necessitating the evacuation of hundreds of residents.

Additionally, this fire has damaged power lines and other critical infrastructure, continues to threaten critical infrastructure, and has forced the closure of roadways.

The circumstances of this fire, by reason of its 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.

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 fire 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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Sincerely,

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