

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

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January 24, 2017

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ALAMEDA, ALPINE, BUTTE, CALAVERAS, CONTRA COSTA, EL DORADO, FRESNO, HUMBOLDT, INYO, KERN, KINGS, LAKE, LASSEN, LOS ANGELES, MADERA, MARIN, MENDOCINO, MERCED, MODOC, MONTEREY, NAPA, NEVADA, ORANGE, PLACER, PLUMAS, SACRAMENTO, SAN BENITO, SAN BERNARDINO, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, SAN MATEO, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA CLARA, SANTA CRUZ, SHASTA, SIERRA, SISKIYOU, SOLANO, SONOMA, STANISLAUS, SUTTER, TEHAMA, TRINITY, TULARE, TUOLUMNE, VENTURA, YOLO, YUBA AND DEL NORTE COUNTIES

As a result of a series of rainstorms that started January 3, 2017, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., declared a State of Emergency on January 23, 2017, for the 49 counties listed above.

Due to the extreme drought conditions throughout the state, this storm system caused dangerous flash flooding, erosion, and substantial mud and debris flows that damaged roads and highways.

The circumstances of the storm damage, 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.

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 rainstorms in the counties listed above.

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Regional Center Executive Directors

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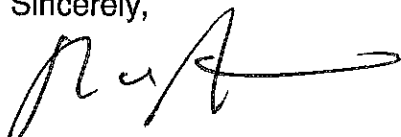
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The applicable regulation section reads as follows:

*[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.*

If you have questions about this correspondence, please contact me at (916) 654-3722 or by electronic mail at [Rapone.Anderson@dds.ca.gov](mailto:Rapone.Anderson@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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

RAPONE ANDERSON  
Regional Center Branch Manager  
Community Services Division

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