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NOTICE

DATE: August 18, 2009

TO: Service Providers of Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Services

FROM: Frances Jacobs, Manager of Community Services Department

RE: Legislative Changes Impacting Services/Supports – **Adult Day Health Care Services**

Vendors of the above-referenced service will likely be affected by Trailer Bill Language ABX3 44, Sections 2 through 8, Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 14132, 14522.4, 14525.1, 14526.1, 14526.2, and 14550.6 which was changed to reduce the Medi-Cal Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Benefit. In July 2009 a Notice of Reduction of the Medi-Cal Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Benefit was issued to Medi-Cal Beneficiaries specifying an effective date of August 27, 2009.

Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) has reviewed this trailer bill language and believes that in relation to the above noted category the vendors assigned the following service code by ELARC may be impacted by this change: Adult Day Health Center (702). This information is not provided to vendors as the sole criteria that will determine how and to what extent these vendors will be affected.

The ADHC provider should be alerting the consumer/family about the impending change in service and request that each person contact their service coordinator for additional information. The regional center will be reviewing cases to ascertain whether consumers receiving ADHC services will be impacted by the changes in law. Consideration will be given to all trailer bill language including transportation in order to meet the intent of the law. Consumers identified as being impacted as a result may be issued NPA's (Notice of Proposed Action's) which they may appeal.

Each decision to authorize services will be made on an individual case basis. Though service codes were created to categorize the types of services that a regional center may purchase as precisely as possible, the precise nature of the service and how it is used varies from vendor to vendor and regional center to regional center. Consequently, determination of how and to what extent a particular service is authorized is made on a case-by-case basis to determine whether it meets the needs of the consumer. Though the regional center will make the determination, we encourage all vendors to become familiar with the trailer bill language by logging on to the DDS website at www.dds.ca.gov for a summary of the budget reductions. Additionally, we urge you to log on to www.leginfo.ca.gov for a complete review of the trailer bill language. Only by thoroughly understanding the changes in the law can you decide on a course of action to take.

The regional center appreciates the services that you provide and the work that you do, and we hope that we will be able to continue to be partners in supporting people with developmental disabilities.

Finally, the regional center requests to be able to have a dialogue with you before you take any action to notify consumers that you intend to terminate services. Please contact Frances Jacobs, Manager of Community Services Department at (626) 299-4730 regarding this or if you have any questions or would like additional information.

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