



## ***EASTERN LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER***

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*RE: Alternative Senior Program Component & Customized Program Component*

To Whom It May Concern:

The California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) sent a letter to service providers dated September 25, 2009 to explain the vendor responsibility to implement alternative service options. Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 4688.1 vendors of behavior management (515), activity center (505), and adult development center day programs (510), social recreation programs (525), socialization training programs (028), community integration training programs (055), community activities support programs (063), and creative art programs (954) are required to offer an alternative senior program component at a ratio of no more than 8 consumers to one staff member. A senior is an individual with a developmental disability who is over 50 years of age.

The alternative senior program has to be offered within the program's vendored capacity.

*Consider the current capacity of your program/service and how you can offer the component as described in the law.*

The rate for the senior program component shall not exceed the lesser of \$35 per day or the vendor's existing daily rate.

*Consider your current existing rate, is it above, at or less than \$35 per day? Determine how can you offer this option to interested consumers for the rate you are allowed or less whichever applies to your situation? What generic resources can you seek to partner with to implement this option?*

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4688.2 vendors of activity center (505), adult development center (510) and behavior management day programs (515), community integration training programs (505) and community activities support services programs (063) are required to offer an alternative customized program component (also referred to as the custom endeavors option – CEO) with an appropriate staffing component to meet individualized consumer needs.

This component is designed for the individual consumer who wants a program to focus on their individual needs and interests to develop or maintain employment or volunteer activities in lieu of their current program.

*The total hours of service for this component shall range between 20 and 80 hours per month per person, depending on the support needs of the individual.*

This component will be funded at the vendor's existing rate for the number of hours provided (between 20 and 80 hours).

The regional center is required to provide information about these services at the time of development, review, or modification of the IPP. Therefore, the service coordinator will review this option with the consumer, when appropriate. It is the responsibility of the vendor to offer the option when the individual consumer makes it known they want the alternative program component instead of their current program.

*A separate new vendorization is not required for either of these components. However, for each of the service categories as noted that apply to a specific vendor a service design supplement describing how the vendor will implement these options must be submitted to the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) by the close of business day on March 5, 2010. The plan(s) should be submitted to the attention of Martin Cogan, Supervisor of the Community Services Unit at P.O. Box 7916, Alhambra, CA 91803.*

*An informational session on these options was conducted on January 20<sup>th</sup> at ELARC with handouts including service design templates. Please obtain these documents from the ELARC website at [www.elarc.org](http://www.elarc.org). In addition, please be reminded that legislation for these options was enacted on July 28, 2009 and effective immediately as recorded in the notice sent from ELARC to service providers on August 24, 2009. Therefore, not having an approved service design supplement does not exempt a vendor from complying with trailer bill language enacted July 28, 2009. Should the regional center ascertain that a provider is not in compliance with Welfare & Institutions Code 4688.1 and 4688.2 ELARC will issue a corrective action plan (CAP).*

*Should you have any questions or need additional information to comply with the due date noted above please do not hesitate to contact me at (626) 299-4730 or [fjacobs@elarc.org](mailto:fjacobs@elarc.org)*

*Sincerely,*



*Frances B. Jacobs, Manager  
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*cc: Martin Cogan  
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