



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

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### ***NOTICE***

DATE: August 18, 2009

TO: All Service Providers

FROM: Frances Jacobs, Manager of Community Services Department

RE: Legislative Changes Impacting Services/Supports

It is anticipated that most vendors and some service providers who are not vendored will likely be affected by Trailer Bill Language ABX4 9, Chapter 9, Statutes of 2009, that was enacted July 28, 2009 and effective immediately.

Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) has reviewed the trailer bill language and believes that in relation to the vendors assigned specific service codes by ELARC, your organization may be directly impacted by the changes in law. Notices will be mailed (USPS) later this week to specified groups of vendors delivering services identified in the trailer bill language. This information will not be provided to vendors as the sole criteria that will determine whether regional center will terminate funding. All the notices will be posted for informational purposes on the ELARC website [www.elarc.org](http://www.elarc.org) once notices have been mailed.

The regional center will be reviewing individual cases to ascertain whether consumers are receiving services as noted in the trailer bill language. Consumers identified as a result will be issued NPA's (Notice of Proposed Action's) which they may appeal.

Each decision to terminate or to continue funding service 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 a particular service is authorized is made on a case-by-case basis to determine whether it meets the criteria of specified trailer bill language. 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](http://www.dds.ca.gov) for a summary of the budget reductions. Additionally, we urge you to log on to [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://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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