



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

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DATE: August 21, 2009

TO: Transportation Companies, Transportation Additional Component, Transportation Assistant, Transportation Parent/Auto Driver, Transportation Family Member

FROM: Frances Jacobs, Manager of Community Services Department

RE: Legislative Changes Impacting Services/Supports – **Transportation Services**

Vendors of the above-referenced services will likely be affected by Trailer Bill Language (TBL) ABX4 9, Chapter 9, Statutes of 2009, that was enacted July 28, 2009 and effective immediately.

Please refer to TBL Section 12, Welfare and Institutions Code 4648.35 which was added to reform transportation services.

Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) has reviewed this trailer bill language and believes that in relation to the above noted categories the vendors assigned the following service codes by ELARC may be impacted by this change: Transportation Company (875); Additional Component (880); Transportation Assistant (882); Transportation Parent/Auto Driver (890); Transportation Family Member (425). This information is not provided to vendors as the sole criteria that will determine whether regional center will terminate funding for services.

The regional center is reviewing individual cases to ascertain whether consumers are receiving transportation services that will be impacted by the reform focus on safely accessing and utilizing public transportation, funding the least expensive transportation modality, transportation from the consumer residence to the lowest cost vendor and proof parents of minor children are unable to transport their child living in the family residence. 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 as described in statute. 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 terminate services or 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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