



June 23, 2026

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY – LOS ANGELES COUNTY

On June 20, 2026, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in Los Angeles County as a result of the Palos Warehouse Fire, which may have affected vendor services for individuals served in this area. For additional details of the declared State of Emergency, please visit: [https://www.caloes.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Legal-Affairs/Documents/Proclamations/6.20.2026-Palos-Warehouse-Fire-SOE-FINAL\\_SIGNED.pdf](https://www.caloes.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Legal-Affairs/Documents/Proclamations/6.20.2026-Palos-Warehouse-Fire-SOE-FINAL_SIGNED.pdf).

As a result of the State of Emergency, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) is authorizing, pursuant to Title 17 California Code of Regulations (CCR) section [54326\(a\)\(11\)](#), regional centers to pay vendors for absences that are the direct result of the State of Emergency. CCR, Title 17 section 54326(a)(11) states:

*“[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.”*

Individuals who receive services, family members or service providers with questions should contact their regional center. Questions from regional centers should be directed to [ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov](mailto:ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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