

December 26, 2025

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY – SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS IN 2025

On December 23, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in multiple areas of California, which may have affected vendor services for individuals served. For additional details of the declared State of Emergencies, visit the following links:

- City of Rancho Cucamonga, January Windstorm Event: [https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/3-SOE-January-Windstorms-City-of-Rancho-Cucamonga\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/3-SOE-January-Windstorms-City-of-Rancho-Cucamonga_FINAL.pdf)
- Del Norte County, July Tsunami: [https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/5-SOE-July-Tsunami-Del-Norte-County\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/5-SOE-July-Tsunami-Del-Norte-County_FINAL.pdf)
- Imperial County, August Monsoon Storms: [https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/4-SOE-August-Storms-Imperial-County\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/4-SOE-August-Storms-Imperial-County_FINAL.pdf)
- Sierra County, August Storms and Mudslides: [https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/1-SOE-August-Storms-and-Mudslides-Sierra-County\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/1-SOE-August-Storms-and-Mudslides-Sierra-County_FINAL.pdf)
- San Bernadino and Imperial County, Mid-September Storm: [https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/6-SOE-September-Storms-Imperial-and-San-Bernardino-Counties\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/6-SOE-September-Storms-Imperial-and-San-Bernardino-Counties_FINAL.pdf)
- San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara County, Gifford Fire: [https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2-SOE-Gifford-Fire-SLO-and-Santa-Barbara-Counties\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2-SOE-Gifford-Fire-SLO-and-Santa-Barbara-Counties_FINAL.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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