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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

On May 30, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency for Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles, as a result of the civil unrest following the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25, 2020. Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles have requested State assistance including the activation of the California National Guard based on limited local resources.

As a result of the State of Emergency declared for the City and County of Los Angeles, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) is authorizing, pursuant to Title 17, California Code of Regulations section 54326 (a)(11), regional centers to pay vendors for absences that are the direct result of the civil unrest in Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles. The applicable regulation section reads as follows:

*"[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."*

If you have questions about this correspondence, please contact me at (916) 651-6309, or by email, at [rapone.anderson@dds.ca.gov](mailto:rapone.anderson@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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