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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MONTHLY RATES FOR ALTERNATIVE NONRESIDENTIAL SERVICES

The Department of Developmental Services' (Department) [August 31, 2020](#) Directive regarding Alternative Nonresidential Services (Alternative Services) during the COVID-19 State of Emergency indicated that prior to November 1, 2020, providers would be notified of the monthly unit rates for Alternative Services and the monthly unit rates would be used for November 2020 and subsequent months.

In the interest of an effectual implementation, use of the monthly unit rates for Alternative Services will instead become effective December 1, 2020. The Department will provide guidance on use of the monthly unit rates in a forthcoming correspondence.

For November 2020, providers shall continue to follow the methodology and rules outlined in the August 31, 2020 Directive for September and October 2020, as follows:

*"For September and October 2020:*

- a. Providers shall use the current authorized rate and each consumer's average monthly attendance over the prior 12 months ending February 2020 for each consumer who received Alternative Services and the provider complied with Section V.*
- b. Providers shall not submit reimbursement claims for consumers who did not receive services."*

Self-advocates, family members or providers should contact their local regional center with any questions. Questions from regional centers should be directed to [DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov](mailto:DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by:*

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cc: Regional Center Board Presidents  
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