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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE 01-030121: 2021 PURCHASE OF SERVICE
DISPARITIES DATA MEETINGS AND REPORTING

Pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency dated March 4, 2020, and under the authority of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, the Director of the Department of Developmental Services (Department) waives the requirement of Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4519.5(e) that regional centers hold public meetings within three months of compiling purchase of service disparities data with the Department, and the requirements of W&I Code section 4519.5(f) and the Department's contracts with regional centers requiring submission of a report regarding the meetings and recommendations to the Department by May 31, 2021. Additionally, W&I Code section 4519.5(f)(2) requiring regional centers to post the reports to their websites by August 31, 2021, is waived.

Regional centers shall hold their public meetings in accordance with 4519.5(e) by June 30, 2021, and notify the Department primary liaison as well as post notice to their website 30 days prior to the public meetings. Regional centers shall submit associated reports in accordance with 4519.5(f) to their Department primary liaison by August 31, 2021. The report shall be posted on the regional center's website by October 31, 2021. To the extent feasible, meetings should be held through remote electronic communications. In-person meetings should be held in alignment with local ordinances and public health guidance regarding gatherings. These waivers are necessary to allow regional centers to prioritize workload associated with COVID-19 response.

Consumers, family members or providers should contact their local regional center with any questions regarding this Directive. Questions from regional centers should be directed to DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

NANCY BARGMANN
Director

cc: Regional Center Board Presidents
Regional Center Administrators
Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services
Regional Center Community Services Directors
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