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## Info & Resources

#### **Guidances/Directives**

California Department of Public Health Guidances

Centers for Disease Control Guidances

Department of Developmental Services Directives

Community Care Licensing

ELARC COVID 19 page for service providers

ELARC Alternative Services Page

## **Service Provider Updates**

#### **Alternative Services Rates Release Delayed**

The Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) <u>August</u> 31, 2020 <u>Directive regarding Alternative Nonresidential</u> <u>Services (Alternative Services)</u> 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.

DDS has announced that, in the interest of an effectual implementation, use of the monthly unit rates for Alternative Services will instead become effective December 1, 2020. Further, DDS has announced that they 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. Read the full DDS announcement.

## **Preparing for a COVID-19 Vaccine**

The Department of Developmental Services had released notes regarding important news and actions that service providers may want to take to plan for the Covid-19 vaccination program of staff and residents when Covid-19 vaccines become available to the public. Read the notes here. Read about the Pharmacy Partnership for Vaccination here

## More Updated Information from DDS on Alternative Services

Visit the <u>Alternative Services page of the DDS website</u> for the most updated information.

<u>View the Alternative Services Family Engagement guide on</u> the DDS website

View the Alternative Services FAQs on the DDS website

## **DDS Hosts Weekly Symposiums on Innovative**

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#### and Alternative Services

DDS is hosting Four Symposiums on Innovative and Alternative Services in Action, featuring presentations of some of the innovative and creative options providers are doing to ensure Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive the services they need. Read more here on the DDS website, just click on the "Alternative Services" tab to view past sessions and to register for upcoming ones. View the flyer for the October 28 symposium.

# **Weekly Provider Check In Every Friday through November 20**

Because information regarding Alternative Services and other COVID 19 related matters is ongoing and developing ELARC invites all service providers to join in this weekly discussion every Friday at 1:30 pm in order to stay informed and work together. Access the zoom link by viewing the flyer here.

## **Vendor Advisory Committee**

The next Vendor Advisory Committee is scheduled for November 19, 2020 at 10:00 am.

#### Join via Zoom (new!)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81403029444? pwd=RFY0QTVNdXlkMUx3V3NLYkxsVk11UT09

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### Join the Provider Facebook Group

This temporary group has been set up for all our valued service providers to exchange resources, ideas, and information regarding service provision during the pandemic in a safe and collaborative environment. Join at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ELARCServiceProvidersCovid19InfoSharing/

Questions regarding accessing this FB group may be sent to Brendali Maldonado at bmaldonado@elarc.org

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