



Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

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Service Provider Updates

Provider Relief Fund: Medicaid and CHIP Provider Distribution: July 20, 2020 Deadline to Apply

On June 9, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the distribution of approximately \$15 billion from the Provider Relief Fund to eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Distribution. Please note with the recent enrollment of regional centers as Medi-Cal providers, regional centers may receive this additional funding. Last month, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) provided comprehensive payment data for regional centers and providers in response to a request from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The data states submitted to CMS will be used to validate this next round of provider relief funding.

Providers may submit their revenue information to the federal enhanced Provider Relief Fund Portal to be eligible for payment from this Fund. **Please note, applications are due July 20, 2020.** This funding will provide relief to Medicaid providers experiencing lost revenues or increased expenses due to COVID-19. It is uncertain how much funding will be available or how funding will be allocated. However, DDS wants regional centers and providers to be aware of the funding opportunity. DDS recognizes there are many unknown details and will share clarification as they receives them and ELARC will post upon receipt from DDS.

[Read the Fact Sheet.](#)

Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services Delays HCBS Settings Rule Compliance

The Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) has released an announcement indicating a delay in the implementation date for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rule compliance until 2023. Please see link below for details. Thanks

<https://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Downloads/smd20003.pdf>

Updated Testing Prioritization from California Department of Public Health

The California Department of Public Health released new guidance July 14, 2020 in response to the backlog of COVID-19 testing as a result of demand greatly outstripping supply. The guidance, which can be found [here](#), provides a prioritization for testing based on four tiers.

Virtual Person Centered Planning Training Tomorrow: Seats Still Available!!

The Person Centered Planning Workshop is for those who would like to learn more about the foundational elements of any person centered plan as well as examples of different plan types. The workshop is designed to provide a clearer understanding of why person centered plans are important, as well as provide participants an opportunity to clearly define the foundational information that should be in any person centered plan. Self Determination participants and their circle of support, have priority for this workshop but service providers are welcome! For complete details and to learn how you can join this workshop with your computer, tablet or smartphone, [please view the flyer.](#)

Join the Vendor Advisory Committee!

The Vendor Advisory Committee provides recommendations, guidance, and technical assistance to the agency's board of directors. The Committee meets monthly to discuss and review both state and agency issues that impact service providers in our community. The VAC usually meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, except August and December at the ELARC offices.

The next meeting is on July 23, 2020 at 10:00 am and will be held via Go To Meeting:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/895679653>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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