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To: Regional Center Executive Directors

Subject: Program Directive to Regional Centers pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4692: Change to Uniform Holiday Schedule

This letter is sent to inform regional centers that pursuant to the 2009-2010 State budget Trailer Bill, AB x4 9, the Director of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is adjusting the Uniform Holiday Schedule listed in statute effective 60 days from the date of this correspondence. The revised Uniform Holiday Schedule shall remain in effect until further notice from DDS. Through the use of a survey posted on the DDS home page, input from 4,800 consumers, family members, service providers, advocates, other interested parties and regional centers was received and used in determining the adjustments to be made in the statutorily mandated Uniform Holiday Schedule. Additional input was received from the stakeholder budget workgroup process.

The Uniform Holiday Schedule listed below reflects the determination that when a holiday listed on the Uniform Holiday Schedule falls on a Saturday, the holiday shall be observed on the preceding Friday, and when a holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday shall be observed on the following Monday.

Effective 60 days from the date of this letter, and until further notice from DDS, a regional center shall not compensate a work activity program, activity center, adult development center, behavior management program, social recreation program, adaptive skills trainer, infant development program, program support group (day service), socialization training program, client/parent support behavior intervention training program, community integration training program, community activities support service, or creative arts program, as defined in Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, for providing any service to a consumer on any of the following holidays:

1. January 1
2. The third Monday in January
3. The third Monday in February
4. March 31
5. The last Monday in May

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6. July 4
7. The first Monday in September
8. November 11
9. Thanksgiving Day
10. The day after Thanksgiving Day
11. December 24
12. December 25
13. December 26 (for 2009 this Holiday is observed on Monday, December 28, 2009)
14. For 2010 **ONLY**, April 5, 2010
15. Effective 2010 and on, the second Monday in October (due to the 60 day notice requirement this is **NOT** a FY 2009-10 Holiday)

Additionally, as required by statute, effective 60 days from the date of this letter regional centers shall not compensate a transportation vendor/family member, transportation company, transportation/additional component vendor, transportation broker, transportation assistant/vendor, transportation vendor/auto driver, or transportation vendor/public or rental car agency or taxi, in accordance with Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, for transporting any consumer to receive services from any of the vendors specified above for any of the holidays specified above.

The revised Uniform Holiday Schedule will be posted on the DDS homepage www.dds.ca.gov. Regional centers should take appropriate action immediately to notify their communities of these changes.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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