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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

**SUBJECT: PROGRAM DIRECTIVE REGARDING REGIONAL CENTER
ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AND HALF-
DAY BILLING RULE FOR DAY SERVICES**

In a directive dated March 17, 2015, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) informed regional centers that a federal court issued an injunction barring the enforcement of the Uniform Holiday Schedule and Half-Day Billing rule. The Department moved to vacate the injunction, and on August 26, 2016, the United States district court granted the Department's request and the injunction was lifted. The district court's decision to lift the injunction was affirmed by the federal appellate court in May 2017. Accordingly, there is no current legal barrier to enforcing either the Uniform Holiday Schedule or Half-Day Billing rule. The purpose of this program directive is to inform regional centers about the status of enforcement of the Uniform Holiday Schedule and Half-Day Billing rule.

Uniform Holiday Schedule

The current budget bill includes funding so that regional centers are not required to apply Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 4692 during the 2018–19 fiscal year and enforce the Uniform Holiday Schedule. When appropriate, the Department will issue a future directive to regional centers providing information regarding any changes to; and required enforcement of, the Uniform Holiday Schedule.

Half-Day Billing

Pursuant to WIC section 4690.6, activity centers, adult development centers, behavior management programs, and other look-alike day programs that charge a daily rate are required to bill regional centers for services provided to consumers in terms of half days of service (i.e., attendance of less than 65 percent of the program day) and full days of service (i.e., attendance of at least 65 percent of the program day). This statute directs each vendor to bill at one-half of its existing rate for any consumer who attended the program for less than 65 percent of the program day. WIC section 4690.6 is required to be followed by vendors and applied by regional centers effective July 1, 2018.

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Regional centers should take appropriate action to notify their communities of this program directive. The Department will post this correspondence on its website at www.dds.ca.gov/UniformHoliday. For questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Rapone Anderson, Regional Center Branch Manager, at (916) 654-3722, or by email, at rapone.anderson@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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