



March 13, 2020

TO ALL REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY VENDORS

**Re: State of Emergency Statewide - Billing for absences that are the direct result of the COVID-19 outbreak in California**

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On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency for California, as a result of the global COVID-19 outbreak that began in December 2019.

Due to the State of Emergency declared for California, the Department of Developmental Services has authorized regional centers to pay for absences which are the direct result of situations and/or occurrences for which a State of Emergency has been declared by the Governor. “The vendor shall bill only for absences in excess of the average number of absences experienced by the vendor during the 12-month period prior to the month in which the disaster occurred.”

Maintain documentation related to COVID-19 absences that you bill.

If you have questions about billing for COVID-19, please call Liliana Castillo, Accounting Manager at (714) 796-5246.

Attachment: DDS Memo to All Regional Center Executive Directors on March 12, 2020