

**Regional Center of Orange County  
Vendor Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025  
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Videoconference**

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. RCOC Update – *Larry Landauer***
  - A. Vendorization Update – *Marta Vasquez*
  - B. DDS Provider Directory Update – *Arturo Cazares*
  - C. Rate Reform Service Acknowledgement – *Arturo Cazares*
- III. Board Report – *Larry Landauer***
- IV. Peer Advisory Committee (PAC) Report – *Wayed Kabir***
- V. Liaison Reports**
  - A. CalOptima – *Liaison Pending*
  - B. OCTA – *Melissa Mungia*
- VI. Member Reports**
  - A. Adult Behavior Management: Atrem Behmanesh, Vocational Visions – Chair  
Ryan Perez, OC Bridges Adult Day Program – Co-Chair
  - B. Adult Day Programs: Rick Perez, Abilities Unlimited - Chair
  - C. Adult Family Home Agency: Shari Panganiban, MENTOR - Chair
  - D. Behavior Services: Cindy Hebert, Sage Behavior Services – Chair  
Junie Lazo-Pearson, Advanced Behavior Health – Co-Chair
  - E. Community Care Facilities: *Member Pending* – Chair
  - F. Early Intervention: Junie Lazo-Pearson, Advanced Behavior Health – Chair  
Pam Alexander, ICEC – Co-Chair
  - G. Habilitation: Marina Margaryan, Westview Services - Chair  
Jodean Hudson, OC Goodwill – Co-Chair

- H. Independent/Supported Living: Christine Molina, L.I.F.E. – Chair  
Ana Sandoval, L.I.F.E. – Co-Chair
- I. Intermediate Care Facilities: Rich Mraule, David’s House - Chair
- J. Respite and Allied Health: Kelly Araujo, BHH Respite Services – Chair  
Michael Toliver, Unlimited Possibilities - Co-Chair

**VII. Community Forum**

**VIII. Other**

**IX. Adjournment**

*The next scheduled VAC meeting is on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025.***

# Department of Developmental Services Provider Directory and Rate Reform

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 14, 2025

Presenter:

Arturo Cazares, Director of Community Services

# DDS Provider Directory

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- The Provider Directory is an online portal that will be used to input, store, and view information about all service providers in the state.
- The goals for the Provider Directory are:
  - Have visibility into California's network of developmental services providers
  - Establish consistency and standards for provider vendorization
  - Make it easier for individuals and families to find service options, leading to greater empowerment when selecting their services and supports
- Prior steps:
  - Step 1-Vendors were to complete the data collection survey (due date 10/4/2024). Vendors that completed this step are eligible for a lump sum incentive payment.
  - Step 2- Vendors were to verify information in the portal (due date 11/29/2024). Vendors that completed this step are eligible to receive the Quality Incentive Payment rate component.

# DDS Provider Directory

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- Based on information collected and verified, DDS has developed 5 provider groups:
  - Completed All Steps
  - Missing/Incorrect Data in the Directory
  - Submitted Survey and not in the Directory
  - Did Not complete Any Steps
  - New Vendor Numbers: No Available Vendor List
- For more details and to confirm your group, visit:  
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/provider-directory/>
- For questions, contact DDS at [providerdirectory@dds.ca.gov](mailto:providerdirectory@dds.ca.gov)

# Rate Reform

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- Rates for services that are a part of rate reform can be found by regional center at: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-reform/rate-models/>
- Service type specific DDS Directives (<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-reform/directives-updates/>):
  - Service descriptions and implementation requirements
  - Staffing qualifications
  - Staff training requirements
  - Subcode combinations
  - Billing units
  - Staffing ratios

# Rate Reform- Next Steps

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- RCOC and the service provider shall affirm which updated service description and staffing requirements most closely match the services actually being delivered.
- RCOC shall verify the rate for each service and subcode combination in the rate workbook (provided by DDS).
- Beginning January 1, 2025, reimbursement for services will be claimed using the provider's current service code with an updated rate (provided by DDS).
- By March 31, 2025, the Rate Reform Service Acknowledgement Form shall be completed by RCOC and the service provider to acknowledge the service description, requirements that will need to be met, subcode combination(s), and rate(s) established by the rate model.

# Benchmark Rate Examples

Rate Reform Full Implementation January 1, 2025

Benchmark	Benchmark Rate Breakdown				
	Rate	Base 90%	QIP 10%	Total Rate 100%	
Benchmark	\$37.27	\$33.54	\$3.73	\$37.27	
Vendor 1	29.00	33.54	3.73	37.27	Eligible for QIP.
Vendor 1	29.00	33.54	0.00	33.54	Not eligible for QIP.
Vendor 2	35.00	35.00	2.27	37.27	Eligible for QIP.
Vendor 2	35.00	35.00	0.00	35.00	Not eligible for QIP. Held harmless until June 30, 2026
Vendor 3	40.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	Eligible for QIP.
Vendor 3	40.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	Not eligible for QIP. Held harmless until June 30, 2026

## Quality Incentive Payment (QIP) Eligibility

Providers who completed the data collection survey (step1), for the Provider Directory, by October 4th may be eligible for the 10% QIP.

[www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/provider-directory/](http://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/provider-directory/)

## Hold Harmless

Providers with existing rates that are above 90 percent of the rate model for the service description to which they will align will maintain their existing rates (held harmless) until June 30, 2026.

[www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-reform/directives-updates/](http://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-reform/directives-updates/)



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Questions?