

Restored Services Public Meeting



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Tuesday, January 23, 2024

San Diego Regional Center

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6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Purpose of the Public Meeting

- ① Overview of recent changes to legislation
- ② Review DRAFT changes to Purchase of Service Guidelines
- ③ Review DRAFT Outreach Plan
- ④ Review of next steps
- ⑤ Receive public input

Changes to the Law

- Added language to Welfare & Institution Code (W&IC Code) Sections 4688.22 and 4519.5(a)(8)
- Went into effect July 1, 2023
- On November 3, 2023, Regional Centers received guidance from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)



Department of Developmental Services
Guidance for Regional Centers

DDS [Guidance Document](#) (11/3/23) can be found on the Department website www.dds.ca.gov and is available in Arabic, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese

Changes Impacting Purchase of Service Policies

- Cannot require families/clients to use IHSS
- Cannot require an exchange of services
- No share of cost or expectation to fund any portion of the service
- Regional Centers must prioritize increasing access for:
 - children
 - individuals who are non-English speaking
 - communities of color
- Regional Centers should help refer clients and their families to existing opportunities for social recreation services and camping services
- Regional Centers should fund services along with the supports needed to access them.

Additional Requirements

Community Outreach Plans

Regional Centers are required to take proactive steps to inform their communities of the changes to W&I Code section 4688.22

Addition of Participant-Directed Services Option

Proposed Changes to SDRC's POS Guidelines

- Removed references to first exhausting other sources of funding
- Removed references to exchange of services
- Removed requirement for camp to be vendored
- Changed availability of funding of supports needed to access services **in addition to** funding of the activity (not in lieu of)
- Added transportation options for all restored services, not just camp
- Added more information about Non-Medical Therapies
- Added section about availability of Participant-Directed Services
- Added new code sections

Proposed POS Guidelines

Link included in the public meeting information

[Draft Guidelines](#)

Change: the word '*exceptional*' in the first line under Non-Medical Therapies is being removed

Restored Services Outreach Plan

Clients and Families

- Presentations and info sessions
- Resource fair
- Materials in multiple languages

Service Providers and Community Members

- Roundtables
- Presentations and info sessions
- Development of materials
- Collaboration with community partners to distribute info
- Streamlined Vendorization Process

SDRC Staff

- Training
- Access to materials

Proposed Outreach Plan

Link included in the public meeting information
[Outreach Plan](#)

Next Steps

- ✓ Public Meeting (today!)
 - ❑ Oral input during meeting
 - ❑ Written input through Friday 1/26/24
- ❑ Complete a final review of the proposed Purchase of Service Guidelines and Outreach Plan to determine if any adjustments are needed
- ❑ Submit final versions to the SDRC Board of Directors for approval at the next board meeting on 2/13/24
- ❑ Submit board-approved proposed guidelines to DDS for final approval
- ❑ Purchase of Service Guidelines will be updated to include the DDS approved changes related to the restored services and will be available to the public on SDRC's website
- ❑ Outreach plan will be implemented.

Public Input

- Please keep your input to 1 minute or less
- Questions can be entered into the 'Q/A section' on Zoom and will be collected and used to develop a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document

Written comments may be submitted to the following address or email:

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ATTN: Restored Services Public Input

Or via e-mail at sdrc-executive@sdrc.org

The deadline for all written comments is Friday, January 26, 2024