

WHAT IS CHANGING IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR: UPDATE ON THE STATE BUDGET

REGIONAL CENTER OF THE EAST BAY
VIA ZOOM

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UPDATE ON COVID -19

Vaccines in OUR COMMUNITY

TRACKING CASES FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY RCEB

MARCH: 17

APRIL: 5

MAY: 4

JUNE 5

JULY 10

Uptick in cases . Seeing some cases in people who are vaccinated

Vaccinations:

Demand Decreasing In Our Area

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

Vaccines For Regional Center Consumers

- ▶ Alameda County: <https://www.primarybio.com/r/alco-vax-signup>
- ▶
- ▶ CC County: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-vaccinated>
- ▶
- ▶ CA/both counties: <https://myturn.ca.gov/>
- ▶

STATE BUDGET

- ▶ THERE WAS NEGOTIATION IN SACRAMENTO DURING JUNE THAT ENDED UP WITH A BUDGET BILL BEING PASSED AND A NUMBER OF TRAILER BILLS WITH POLICY DECISIONS RELATED TO REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES AS WELL AS OTHER SERVICE SYSTEMS
- ▶ MOST CHANGES ARE IN BUDGET BILLS HOWEVER THERE ARE ADDITIONAL ITEMS RELATED TO OUR SYSTEM IN THE UPDATED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SELF DETERMINATION IS NO LONGER A PILOT

- ▶ THOSE WHO ARE STATUS 2 /LANTERMAN ELIGIBLE WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT SELF DETERMINATION. IT IS NO LONGER LIMITED TO SELECTEES.
- ▶ PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON ORIENTATIONS AND LET YOUR CASE MANAGER KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST
- ▶ ESTABLISHES AN OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON FOR SELF DETERMINATION

PROVIDER RATES

- ▶ A five year phase in of rate reforms to achieve rate levels in the 2019 Rate Study.
- ▶ Focus on Quality Benchmarks, Metrics and Outcomes to achieve person centered service delivery
- ▶ Starts in April 2022

PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES and SERVICE COORDINATION

- ▶ FUNDING STARTING IN 2022/2023 to enhance service coordination at regional centers
- ▶ Trailer Bill language directing DDS to meet with stakeholders and make recommendations for the development of standard performance improvement indicators and benchmarks to incentivize regional center operations

1:40 CASELOADS

- ▶ Establishes Intensive Caseload ratios to improve service delivery to consumers in underserved communities (low or no purchase of service)

PROVISIONAL ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Establishes a new eligibility category for 3 and 4 year olds .
- ▶ This would allow these children who do not have a diagnosis of a developmental disability and/or only have limitations in two areas of functioning to be eligible
- ▶ Would be eligible for Lanterman Services \
- ▶ Re-evaluation at age 5

RESTORATION SOCIAL RECREATION AND CAMPING

- ▶ During the great recession, social recreation, camping, educational services and non medical therapies were eliminated for almost all individuals served.
- ▶ These are restored and can be provided to individuals

SUPPORT FOR DIRECT SERVICE PROFESSIONALS

- ▶ Allows for additional wages targeted at direct service professionals who receive certain training as well as those who are certified as being bilingual. This will be a wage supplement to the individual employee.

IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING

- ▶ Funds implicit bias training for regional center staff including those in eligibility as well as service providers

ELIMINATES SUSPENSION LANGUAGE

- ▶ In social service systems including for regional centers, there has been language that suspends provider increases and maintains an uniform holiday schedule.
- ▶ Each year, this language has been revised to eliminate this language but the trailer bill language eliminates this language completely for regional center services as well as other areas where it existed.

REMOTE SERVICES/MEETINGS FOR EARLY START

- ▶ At the request of the family, allows for the continuation of remote services, virtual meetings and Early Start services through the fiscal year without additional directives

COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

- ▶ This will have a community navigation program at Family Resource Centers to serve all geographic areas (21 in total) for outreach and support to family of children who are navigating the service system

EMERGENCY COORDINATORS

- ▶ One position per regional center to coordinate and prepare for natural disasters and other emergencies in our community

DEAF SPECIALISTS

- ▶ One per regional center . Position targeted to be point person for resources and serve as a community liaison to deaf services.

AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDS

- ▶ Proposal for these funds revised on July 12, 2021. These are one time funds based on an additional 10% Federal matching dollars for HCBS services for one year

Items not Already in Budget

- ▶ Language Access and Cultural Competency Orientations and Trainings
- ▶ Coordinated Family Support Service
- ▶ Enhanced Community Integration for Children and Adolescents
- ▶ Modernize Developmental Services Information Technology Systems

OTHER SYSTEMS IN THE BUDGET

- ▶ Suspension language eliminated in all systems including IHSS
- ▶ Stipends for IHSS workers for work during the pandemic and to develop career pathways
- ▶ Special Education
 - ▶ Funding for disrupted education disputes
 - ▶ COLAS
 - ▶ Support for Many program enhancements

Medi-Cal

- ▶ Continue Full-Scope Medi-Cal for Undocumented Children and Youth to Age 26
- ▶ Add Full-Scope Medi-Cal for Undocumented Income-Eligible Adults Aged 50+
- ▶ Maintain Proposition 56 Funding for Supplemental Reimbursement for Pediatric and Other Physician Visits
- ▶ Extend Telehealth Flexibilities for Medi-Cal Providers, including Payment Parity for Video and Telephone Telehealth, to 12/31/22
- ▶ ☐ DHCS Required to Convene Advisory Group on Future of Telehealth

Behavioral Health

- ▶ \$4.4 Billion over 5 Years to Create Behavioral Health System for Children and Youth Aged 0-25
- ▶ Includes \$205 Million in MHSA Funds for School/ County Partnerships for School-Based Services
- ▶ \$2.2 Billion for Competitive Grants to Build Infrastructure for Expansion of Community Continuum of Behavioral Health Treatment
- ▶ \$150 Million for Mobile Crisis Support Teams for Youth and Adults