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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms that employees of California's regional centers serving people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, who conduct certain activities to ensure the welfare of these consumers, are "health care workers" pursuant to the State of California's [Vaccination Plan](https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#When-can-I-get-vaccinated) (<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#When-can-I-get-vaccinated>), and thus are prioritized for COVID-19 vaccination within Phase 1A.

The qualifying activities of these employees include, but are not limited to:

- Monitoring and quality assurance
- Intake and assessment staff
- Service coordinators
- Bilingual coordinators
- Clinical staff

Their eligibility can be ascertained by a letter from their employing regional center that identifies them as staff performing any of these activities.

We hope this letter clarifies the eligibility of these essential health care staff for vaccines, and thereby assists in protecting the health of Californians most at risk from COVID-19 impacts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nancy Bargmann'.

NANCY BARGMANN
Director