

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER

Recent Legislation Affecting Service Providers

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Senate Bill 74

- Service Providers who have a negotiated rate must have no more than 15% administrative costs.
- Service providers will be required to provide information about ownership and control, contracting interests, and criminal convictions or civil proceedings involving fraud or abuse in any government program, or abuse or neglect of an elder, dependent adult, or child. Individuals with certain criminal convictions will be prohibited from being regional center vendors. Emergency regulations will be developed to implement this.
- Requires an independent audit to be submitted to the regional center for service providers who receive over \$500,000 in payment annually from regional centers.
- Requires an independent audit or independent review to be submitted to the regional center for service providers who receive more than \$250,000 but less than \$500,000 annually.
- Continuation of workload relief provisions for providers subject to the 4.25% reduction in payment.
- Continuation of 4.25% reduction in payment.

Assembly Bill 104

- Service providers are required to bill electronically.
- The regional center prevention program will be moved to the family resource centers.
- The IPP must include a plan to use public transportation.
- Prohibits regional centers from purchasing day program and transportation services for clients ages 18-22 unless they have completed their school program.
- Allows payment of lower rates in ARM rate facilities for individual clients.
- Paraprofessionals in a group behavioral practice will be allowed to provide services. Regulations will be developed to implement this.
- A standard form for behavioral services must be signed by a parent to verify that the service was provided and submitted to the regional center with the invoice.
- The alternative senior and alternative customized programs were discontinued.
- Clients can receive individual adult day services. This is limited to 150 hours per quarter and the rate is \$13.47/hour. This will go into effect when the Federal Government approves.
- Day Programs can be vendored to provide individual day services at a rate not to exceed 80 percent of the current rate.
- Clients in the same household receiving supported living services must be evaluated for those services that can be shared and to determine if services can be provided more efficiently.
- Clients who receive or will receive supported living services 125% above the state average must be assessed by an independent evaluator to determine if the services are cost effective.
- A half day rate will be established for adult day programs.
- Additional types of service providers will be subject to the 4.25% payment reduction.