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Recent Legislation Affecting Staff of Regional Centers

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Senate Bill 74

- DDS is required to develop best practices related to purchase of services.
- Regional Center must submit proof that composition of Regional Center Board complies with state law.
- Regional Center must approve contracts over \$250,000.
- Regional Center Board members and staff must submit conflict of interest declarations to DDS.
- Regional Center must develop a policy on transparency and public access to records and post specific items on its website. RCs must also provide, upon request, information regarding RFPs, contract awards, vendor rates, and audits.
- There is a 15% administrative cost cap for vendors with negotiated rates and for Regional Center operations.
- Regional Centers must change audit firms every five years for its annual independent audit.
- Continuation of no limit on caseload ratio for cases not on the Medicaid Waiver.
- Regional Center to collect specific additional information on vendors for Medicaid Waiver compliance.
- Regional Center to review audits that vendors are now required to obtain.
- DDS to recover funds for cost of services related to litigation due a client's injury or death.
- Continuation of 4.25% reduction in Regional Center operations and vendor rates.

Assembly Bill 104

- Regional Center must obtain copies of any health benefit forms from clients and parents.
- Regional Center must sign up all vendors to bill electronically.
- Regional Centers are required to evaluate minors in juvenile court proceedings for eligibility for services.
- The Prevention Program is moving from the Regional Center to the family resource centers.
- The IPP must include a public access transportation plan, if appropriate.
- Regional Center to bill and collect funds for clients in ICF/DD facilities for the cost of day programs that now receive federal reimbursement.
- Regional Centers cannot purchase adult day programs and transportation to adult day programs if client is still eligible for public school. Focuses on clients ages 18-22 who may want to leave school before age 22.
- Regional Centers can negotiate lower rates in residential facilities for a specific individual to stay in a residential facility that is lower than the facility rate.
- Paraprofessionals will be allowed to provide behavior intervention services.
- Parents of minors must sign attendance forms for a behavioral vendor and the vendor must submit these with billing forms.
- 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.
- Services for clients who live together and receive supported living services must be reviewed to see if some of the services can be shared.
- There must be an independent assessment of high cost supported living services.
- An annual fee will be charged to families of children unless their child receives Medi-Cal or their income is below a certain amount.
- Additional services that vendors provide will be subject to the 4.25% reduction.