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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE 01-042721: UPDATED OVERTIME RATE FOR
                PARTICIPANT-DIRECTED RESPITE SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19
                STATE OF EMERGENCY

Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4639.6 authorizes the Director of the
Department of Developmental Services (Department) to issue directives to regional centers
as the Director deems necessary to protect consumer rights, health, safety, or welfare, or in
accordance with W&I Code section 4434. Regional centers must comply with any directive
issued by the Director pursuant to this section.

Pursuant to W&I Code section 4639.6, to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19, the
Department issued a December 23, 2020 Directive authorizing regional centers to pay an
increased rate of reimbursement for overtime hours for Participant-Directed Respite Service
(Service Code 465).

Effective January 1, 2021, the rate of reimbursement increased to $28.77 per consumer per
hour for overtime hours when overtime is required by law. The rate increase is due to the
increase in state minimum wage in accordance with Senate Bill 3. Regional centers should
continue to use the sub-code "OT" when authorizing claims for overtime.

This Directive remains in effect until further notice and is necessary to limit the number of
participant-directed respite providers entering the consumer's home.

Consumers, family members or providers should contact their local regional center with
questions regarding this Directive. Questions from regional centers should be directed to
DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

NANCY BARGMANN
Director

cc: Regional Center Board Presidents
        Regional Center Administrators
        Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services
        Regional Center Community Services Directors
        Association of Regional Center Agencies

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