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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

# **RATE REFORM GUIDANCE: EXCESSIVE MILEAGE RATE MODELS**

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## **What to Know**

This directive gives details about payment changes for care providers. It covers services like respite care, special therapy, early start programs, and infant development. These providers travel long distances to help people who live in rural areas.

## **What's Changing**

Starting November 1, 2025, the providers listed above who travel more miles than the average assumed in the rate models can receive additional payment to offset their costs. Regional centers will be given a worksheet to help providers calculate miles and applicable payments.

## **Learn More**

If you want to learn more about rate reform, please visit the Department's Rate Reform webpage [here](#).

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