

June 3, 2026

Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT UPDATE

D-2026-Quality Incentive Program-003REV

What to Know

The Quality Incentive Program (QIP) helps make sure service providers give good services. Providers can earn extra payments when they meet important QIP goals. This directive explains how new service providers can earn QIP rates and payments for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

What's Changing

Nothing is changing for individuals and families who receive services. This directive clarifies information given in a previous directive, [D-2025-Quality Incentive Program-015](#).

Effective March 1, 2026, new service providers who:

- Completed their vendorization through the new standardized vendorization process AND,
- Completed their registration and validation in the new provider directory WILL BE,
- Eligible to begin getting their extra QIP rate payment for the rest of fiscal year (FY) 2025-26, starting from their Provider Directory validation date.

Questions?

Email QIPQuestions@dds.ca.gov.

Learn More

Learn more at [Provider Directory](#) and at [Quality Incentive Program](#) webpages. (www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/provider-directory and www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/quality-incentive-program)

