



New DDS Directive: Providing and Claiming for Nonresidential Services during COVID-19

On July 17, 2020, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) issued a new directive that extends the expiration date for "absence billings" for non-residential services to August 31, 2020. Those billings were set to expire on July 31, 2020. The directive also includes a framework for the delivery of alternative services for those non-residential services that would go into effect September 1, 2020, that, prior to the State of Emergency due to COVID-19, were provided in site-based programs.

What the new directive does:

ABSENCE BILLINGS: Extends the "absence billings" to nonresidential providers for consumer absences through August 31, 2020.

FRAMEWORK OF ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF DELIVERING NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICES BY NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS: Puts forward the framework on alternative ways to deliver services by the non-residential providers. This includes a preliminary list of services and supports that would be eligible for billing under the alternative delivery service model. Sample enclosures of forms were included with the directive (see below). The department is looking at having the alternative ways to deliver services effective September 1, 2020.

HALF DAY BILLING: Waives the half-day billing requirements. The waiver of the half-day billing requirements remains in effect for the duration of this directive unless extended by the Director of DDS.

NEXT STEPS: DDS noted that it would continue working with stakeholders during this process to manage the challenge of designing and developing a structure for services that are responsive to consumer needs during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. DDS will schedule future stakeholder meetings to gain input on next steps and strategies in delivering services to people with developmental services who receive or are eligible for services.

The following are four links to the actual directives or guidance documents issued by DDS:

GUIDANCE: https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DDSDirective_Providing-ClaimingNonresidentialServices_07172020.pdf

ENCLOSURE A - SAMPLE OF CERTIFICATION OF REMOTE AND ALTERNATIVE SERVICES DELIVERY

https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EnclosureA_Certification_07172020.pdf

ENCLOSURE B - SAMPLE OF REMOTE AND ALTERNATIVE SERVICES DELIVERY LOG

https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EnclosureB_Log_07172020.pdf

ENCLOSURE C - SAMPLE OF QUARTERLY REPORT OF REMOTE AND ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY FOR NONRESIDENTIAL SERVICES

https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EnclosureC_QuarterlyReport_07172020.pdf