

IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM

June 29, 2009

TO: SERVICE PROVIDERS

FR: REGIONAL CENTER OF THE EAST BAY

RE: **PROPOSED UNIFORM HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

This is to update you on the 14 day uniform holiday schedule that is proposed in the Trailer Bill language for Regional Centers' Purchase of Services Budgets for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 (see following page)

The State Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is changing the effective date of the proposal to implement the F/Y 09-10 Uniform holiday schedule from July 1, 2009 to August 1, 2009. There was confusion about when the July 4 holiday would be observed.

The proposed change would mean there is no change in law for statewide uniform holidays for the month of July 2009, and programs and services should follow the RCEB's holiday schedule for transportation and day programs for the month of July 2009. As a reminder, RCEB's holiday schedule observes Friday July 3rd as a holiday since the July 4th falls on a weekend.

We will keep you advised on any new information or updates. As soon as we receive final confirmation of the uniform holiday schedule for the year, we will notify our service provider community. Please keep checking our webpage: www.RCEB.org for more information on the State of California Budget.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to writetous@rceb.org or call the RCEB office at (510) 383-1200.

SECTION 18. Welfare & Institutions Code section 4692 is added to read:

4692. (a) **Effective ~~July 1, 2009~~ August 1, 2009** regional centers shall not compensate any work activity program, activity center, adult development center, behavior management program, social recreation program, adaptive skills trainer, infant development program, program support group (day service), socialization training program, client/parent support behavior intervention training program, community integration training program, community activities support service, or creative arts program, as defined in Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, for providing any services to any consumer on any of the following holidays:

- (i) January 1;
- (i) the third Monday in January;
- (ii) the third Monday in February;
- (iii) March 31;
- (iv) the last Monday in May;
- (v) July 4;
- (vi) the first Monday in September;
- (vii) November 11;
- (viii) Thanksgiving Day;
- (x) December 25; and
- (xi) four business days between December 25 and January 1.

(b) **Effective ~~July 1, 2009~~ August 1, 2009** regional centers shall not compensate a transportation vendor – family member, transportation company, transportation vendor – additional component, transportation broker, transportation vendor –assistant, transportation vendor – auto driver, or transportation vendor – public/rental car agency/taxi, as defined in Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, for transporting any consumer to receive services from any of the vendors specified in subdivision (a) for any of the holidays set forth in subdivision (a)(i) through (xi), and (c).

(c) If a holiday listed in this section falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the following Monday shall be deemed to be the holiday in lieu of the day observed.

(d) Contracts between the vendors described in this section and regional centers shall reflect the holiday closure set forth in this section and shall be renegotiated, as necessary, accordingly.