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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORTS FROM VENDORS TO DDS: INCIDENTS OF BEHAVIORAL RESTRAINTS, SECLUSION, AND INVOLUNTARY EMERGENCY MEDICATION

Welfare and Institutions Code section 4659.2(c) was amended last year by SB 188 (Chapter 49, Statutes of 2022) to identify additional entities that receive monthly information from specified regional center vendors regarding their use of restraint or seclusion. All regional center vendors that provide crisis or residential services or supported living services, long-term health care facilities, and acute psychiatric hospitals have been required to report restraint data on a monthly basis to Disability Rights California. This reporting continues to be in addition to required special incident reporting of restraint use pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 17 section [54327](#).

Effective May 1, 2023, reports from these vendors must be made to the Department of Developmental Services (Department). The Department will share those reports with the regional center providing services to the consumer (or to the vendoring regional center, if different) and with Disability Rights California. The monthly reports from these vendors continue to include the following information:

- (A) The number of incidents of seclusion and the duration of time spent per incident in seclusion;
- (B) The number of incidents of the use of behavioral restraints and the duration of time spent per incident of restraint;
- (C) The number of times an involuntary emergency medication is used to control behavior; and
- (D) The name, street address, and telephone number of the facility.

The Department has developed an [online form](#) for submission of this information. All regional center vendors that provide crisis or residential services or supported living services, long-term health care facilities, and acute psychiatric hospitals must submit information on the use of seclusion, behavioral restraint, or involuntary emergency medication, using the online form. Vendors are invited to contact the Department at RestraintReportingForm@dds.ca.gov if they would like to discuss an alternate method for submitting this information.

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Regional centers must inform their vendors that provide crisis or residential services or supported living services, long-term health care facilities, and acute psychiatric hospitals that, effective May 1, 2023, these vendors are required to submit the information required above to the Department.

Vendors and regional centers with questions about this directive and reporting should contact the Department at RestraintReportingForm@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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