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June 26, 2018

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LAKE COUNTY

As a result of the Pawnee Fire that started June 23, 2018, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. declared a State of Emergency on June 25, 2018, for Lake County.

This fire has burned 8,000 acres, destroyed homes and continues to threaten hundreds of additional structures, necessitating the evacuation of residents.

Additionally, this fire has caused power outages, forced the closure of roadways, and continues to threaten critical infrastructure.

The circumstances of this fire, by reason of its magnitude, are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat.

Since there is a declared State of Emergency, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) is authorizing, pursuant to Title 17, California Code of Regulations section 54326 (a)(11), regional centers to pay vendors for absences that are the direct result of this fire in the county listed above. The applicable regulation section reads as follows:

*[All vendors shall...] Not bill for consumer absences for nonresidential services. The Department shall authorize payment for absences which are the direct result of situations and/or occurrences for which a State of Emergency has been declared by the Governor. If payment for absences due to a State of Emergency is authorized by the Department, the vendor shall bill only for absences in excess of the average number of absences experienced by the vendor during the 12-month period prior to the month in which the disaster occurred.*

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If you have questions about this correspondence, please contact me at (916) 654-3722,  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rapone Anderson for". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "A".

RAPONE ANDERSON  
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cc: Regional Center Chief Counselors  
Regional Center Administrators  
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