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October 11, 2017

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BUTTE, LAKE, MENDOCINO, NEVADA,
ORANGE AND SOLANO COUNTIES

As a result of the Cherokee, LaPorte, Sulphur, Potter, Cascade, Lobo and Canyon fires and multiple other fires that started between October 8, 2017, and October 9, 2017, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. declared a State of Emergency on October 9, 2017, for Butte, Lake, Mendocino, Nevada and Orange counties.

Also, on October 9, 2017, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. declared a State of Emergency in Napa and Sonoma counties due to the Atlas Fire that began on October 8, 2017. The Atlas Fire has now spread into Solano County and a State of Emergency was declared on October 10, 2017, for Solano County.

These fires have destroyed structures and continue to threaten homes and other structures, necessitating the evacuation of residents. They have damaged and continue to threaten critical infrastructure and have forced the closure of major highways and local roads. Extreme weather conditions including strong winds have further increased the spread of these fires.

The circumstances of these fires, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be 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, or by electronic mail at Rapone.Anderson@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rapone Anderson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

RAPONE ANDERSON
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cc: Regional Center Chief Counselors
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