

Vendor Bulletin

A Quarterly Publication of San Diego Regional Center (Wanda Bardwell, Editor) (Kathy Hill, Design Layout) No. 55 January 2010

Medi-Cal Funding

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is amending current policy related to the optional benefit reductions that went into effect July 1, 2009. DHCS policy is amended to exempt Medi-Cal recipients residing in Intermediate Care Facility—Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD) facilities, including ICF-DD Nursing and ICF-DD Habilitative, from the following optional benefits reductions under the Medi-Cal program, retroactively effective to July 1, 2009:

- Acupuncture
- Adult dental service (these were not eliminated from ICF-DD population on 07/01/09)
- Audiology services
- Chiropractic services
- Incontinence creams and washes (with certain Treatment Authorization Request [TAR] restrictions)
- Optometric and optician services including services provided by fabricating optical laboratories
- Podiatry services
- Psychology services
- Speech therapy services

This amended policy means that Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in ICF-DD facilities will continue to receive the optional benefits listed above. However, the policy has not changed for developmentally disabled Medi-Cal beneficiaries living at home or in the community (non-skilled facility).

Medi-Cal beneficiaries who do not reside in an ICF-DD facility shall not receive these services unless they are under 21 years old, or are receiving pregnancy-related services.



Special Incident Reporting (after hours)

During non-business hours (nights and weekends) vendors should FAX Special Incident Reports (SIR) to the San Diego Regional Center (SDRC). These reports are reviewed on the next business day by the consumer's service coordinator who will follow-up as needed.

Please **do not** call our emergency after-hours service to report routine SIR situations. Our emergency on-call system is intended for calls of a true emergency nature such as a life threatening situation, situations requiring the immediate assistance of SDRC staff, etc.

SDRC is working on an on-line SIR reporting system and will send out information to all vendors when it is completed and available. Look for this in the future.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Social Security Administration Announcement

The Social Security Administration has announced that there will be no cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Social Security Disability Title II (SSA) recipients for 2010.

The State of California Department of Social Services (DSS) has announced that the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit rate for out-of-home placement will not change this year.

The monthly basic rates of \$961 for Board and Care (B&C) and \$125 for Personal and Incidental (P&I) amount (\$145 for consumers receiving multiple benefits) will also remain the same.

California Department of Public Health Encourages H1N1 Vaccine For All Californians

Dr. Mark Horton, Director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), has announced that the H1N1 vaccine is now available in most areas to the general public. In the vast majority of counties, local public health departments have informed CDPH that there is an adequate supply of the vaccine to meet demand. Those who would like to be vaccinated are urged to contact their doctor or health care provider.

Washing hands and covering coughs helps reduce the spread of disease, but the most effective step anyone can take is to get vaccinated.

Dr. Horton recommends that everyone pitch in to prevent the spread of the flu by doing the following:

- Don't travel with the flu. Stay home if you are sick.
- Get vaccinated for both the seasonal and H1N1 flu.
- Wash your hands often. Carry hand sanitizer with you and use it when you are not able to wash your hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your sleeve or a tissue.

CDPH reports the state is still experiencing widespread H1N1 flu activity. For more information on H1N1 vaccine availability check with your local public health department, your health care provider or use the online vaccine finder tool at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/H1N1Home.aspx>

San Diego Regional Center Video Library

The San Diego Regional Center video library is a wonderful resource for the community. Educational videos are available for check out and many are approved for staff to fulfill some of their training requirements. Unlike movie videos, these are educational and very expensive i.e. \$100—\$300. Unfortunately, videos are sometimes destroyed, damaged or just not returned.

The following videos have not been returned and are due immediately:

02/22/08	Alzheimer: Understanding Alzheimer's	09/01/09	Abuse & Neglect
"	Cerebral Palsy: A Lifelong Journey	"	Kitchen: Food Safety
"	Equal Justice for Persons with DD	"	Health Care Body Observations
"	Ethics of Touch: Part I	"	Daily Living Skills: Bathing & Showering
"	Ethics of Touch: Part II	"	Caregiver Abuse & Neglect/ Prevention
04/13/09	Regional Centers	09/10/09	ISP Writing
06/16/09	Remembering: Three Portraits	10/22/09	Time To Change
07/02/09	Creating a Clean and Healthy Home	"	Take A Load Off Your Heart
"	Understanding Behavior; Building	"	Where's Molly
"	Positive Supports	12/01/09	Abandoned To Their Fate
"	Thinking Ahead	"	Multiple Meds
"	Daily Living Skills	"	Communicating With People Non Verbal
07/21/09	Sexuality and People with Disabilities	12/02/09	Healthcare Body Observations
08/03/09	Kitchen & Food Safety	"	Diet & Disease In Modern Society
"	Daily Living Skills—Hygiene	"	Alzheimer: Family Caregiving
"	Daily Living Skills—Bathroom Assist.	12/08/09	(Dis)Ability Awareness
08/14/09	Child's Play—The World of Learning	"	Preventing Behavioral Challenges
"	Addressing Challenging Behaviors	"	Disability, Identity & Culture

- Effective 01/01/10:
- only three videos may be checked out at any one time
 - any videos that are lost or destroyed must be paid for
 - additional videos may not be checked out until all videos are returned or paid for

TRAININGS

The Residential Living-Small Committee is sponsoring the following training sessions during the first quarter of 2010. Remember to keep written documentation of all training hours (workshops, videos, etc.) on file. The target audience is residential administrators and staff; however, others may attend as space allows. All of these classes are approved by Community Care Licensing for credit towards administrator recertification.

“Fall Prevention”

Presenter/s:
Jo Ann Price & Dr. Kimberly Bell
Response LINK of S.D. Co.

Date: Tues., February 2, 2010
Time: 9:30 am—11:30 am
Place: SDRC—Board Room
4355 Ruffin Rd., Ste. 100—101
San Diego, CA 92123
Fee: \$5

“Supporting Persons w/ Challenging Behaviors (Basic)”

Presenter/s:
Lori Blair & Mary Heed
SDRC Behavior Specialists

Date: Tues., February 23, 2010
Time: 9:30 am—12:30 pm
Place: SDRC—San Marcos Offices
1370 W. San Marcos Blvd. #100
San Marcos, CA 92078
Fee: \$5

“Supporting Persons w/ Challenging Behaviors (Advanced)”

Presenter/s:
Lori Blair & Mary Heed
SDRC Behavior Specialists

Date: Wed., February 24, 2010
Time: 9:30 am—12:30 pm
Place: SDRC—San Marcos Offices
1370 W. San Marcos Blvd. #100
San Marcos, CA 92078
Fee: \$5

“Prevention of Abuse & Neglect”

Presenter/s:
Lori Blair & Mary Heed
SDRC Behavior Specialists &
Kathy Holmer-Hardy, AIS

Date: Tues., March 16, 2010
Time: 9:30 am—12:30 pm
Place: SDRC—San Marcos Offices
1370 W. San Marcos Blvd. #100
San Marcos, CA 92078
Fee: \$5

**To register, please complete the form below and make check payable to SDICDSI.
Please submit checks no later than two weeks prior to the date scheduled for each training.**

Name: _____ Agency: _____ Phone: _____

- \$5 “Fall Prevention” (02/02/10)
- \$5 “Supporting Persons w/ Challenging Behaviors (Basic)” (02/23/10)
- \$5 “Supporting Persons w/ Challenging Behaviors (Advanced)” (02/24/10)
- \$5 “Prevention of Abuse & Neglect” (03/16/10)

Mail to: SDRC - Community Services - Attn: Kathy Hill, 4355 Ruffin Road, #104, San Diego, CA 92123



San Diego Regional Center

San Diego-Imperial Counties Developmental Services, Inc.
4355 Ruffin Road, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92123
Phone: (858) 576-2996
www.sdrc.org

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
San Diego, CA
Permit No. 270



MTS Public Bus & ADA Paratransit Service Cuts

There are forthcoming changes to fixed route public bus services throughout San Diego County. The majority of these changes affect Sunday routes. Currently, there are 60 routes that operate on Sundays. Effective February 28, 2010, this will drop to 27. Of the 27 remaining routes, some will operate at decreased frequencies. ADA Paratransit will be impacted by these changes. ADA Paratransit riders will no longer be able to schedule ADA rides along corresponding fixed routes that are discontinued. For details concerning specific routes that will be cut, please visit www.sdcommute.com.