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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM: INITIAL PERSON-CENTERED  
PLANNING SERVICES

For Self-Determination Program (SDP) participants, the individual program plan (IPP) must be developed utilizing a person-centered planning process and will include an individual budget [Welfare & Institutions Code §4685.8(k)]. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide information on how regional centers can purchase initial person-centered planning services to assist participants as they transition into the SDP.

A participant may request person-centered planning services, in addition to those provided by the regional center, to assist with the comprehensive planning to inform the development of the IPP. In this instance, regional centers can purchase initial person-centered planning services from:

- vendored providers of person-centered planning services; or
- non-vendored providers who demonstrate they have received training or certification in the person-centered planning/facilitation process. Payment to non-vendored providers are to be made as a "Purchase Reimbursement" (service code 024.)

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact [sdp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sdp@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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