

March 23, 2020

Re: Temporary Remote Service Delivery/Alternative Locations During COVID-19 Outbreak

Dear San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) Community:

As you are aware the Coronavirus pandemic has created a substantial need for all of us to protect the health and safety of one another. We are meeting this responsibility through monitoring guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), California's Department of Public Health (CDPH), local health officials and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

SG/PRC and our Service Providers are implementing published guidance regarding social distancing, discontinuing social gatherings, and other risk mitigation practices. SG/PRC will continue to monitor guidance from CDC, CDPH, and DDS, and we will adjust our policies and practices accordingly. Please connect with us on our webpage sgprc.org for periodic updates regarding our business functions and DDS directives.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, DDS issued guidance temporarily waiving the requirement for services stated within the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individual Program Plan (IPP) to be delivered in person or at a specific location. According to the DDS Directive, IFSP and IPP services may be delivered at an alternative location or remotely, <u>after</u> the Service Provider has obtained consent from the individual served, parent, guardian or legal representative for specific services (see attachment).

Remote service delivery options include Skype, Facetime, video conference or telephone conference. As expected, <u>in-person</u> service delivery may be <u>essential</u> to protect the health and safety of the individual served when the service is personal assistance, supported living, independent living or requires a crisis team due to the level of assistance or support delivered.

SG/PRC encourages the use of remote technology (telehealth/videohealth) service delivery to sustain relationships and to promote skill acquisition to protect the health and safety of individuals served, their families and Service Providers. It is during these times, when our mission to serve others guides us in finding innovative ways to meet our shared needs differently. Our partnership remains strong as always. Stay safe and take care of yourselves and your families. Your health and safety are of utmost importance to us.

Kindest regards,

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San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center

## Services Eligible for Alternate Location or Remote Access Service Code Description

- 017 Crisis Team
- 028 Socialization Training Program
- 048 Client/Parent Support Behavior Intervention Training
- 055 Community Integration Training Program
- 062 Personal Assistance
- 063 Community Activities Support Service
- 091 In-Home Day Program
- 094 Creative Arts Program
- 102 Individual or Family Training Services
- 106 Specialized Recreational Therapy
- 108 Parenting Support Services
- 110 Supplemental Day Program Support
- 115 Specialized Therapeutic Services (Age 3-20)
- 116 Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services
- 117 Specialized Therapeutic Services (Age 21+)
- 505 Activity Center
- 510 Adult Development Center
- 515 Behavior Management Program
- 520 Independent Living Program
- 525 Social Recreation Program
- 605 Adaptive Skills Trainer
- 612 Behavior Analyst
- 613 Associate Behavior Analyst
- 615 Behavior Management Assistant
- 616 Behavior Management Technician
- 620 Behavior Management Consultant
- 625 Counseling Services
- 635 Independent Living Specialist
- 691 Art Therapist
- 692 Dance Therapist
- 693 Music Therapist
- 694 Recreational Therapist
- 707 Speech Pathology
- 772 Physical Therapy
- 773 Occupational Therapy
- 780 Psychiatrist
- 805 Infant Development Programs
- 896 Supported Living Service