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To: All Day Program Vendors

Re: Change in Regulations Regarding Half Day Billing for Day Services

Trailer Bill (“TBL”) AB 104, Chapter 37, Statutes of 2011 became effective July 1, 2011 directly affecting regional centers and the developmental services system. Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 4690.6, was added requiring all day programs with daily rates who provide services as specified in 4690.6 to bill regional centers for services provided to persons served in terms of half days of service and full days of service.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that on February 13, 2015, a federal court issued a ruling that Half-Day Billing requirements could not be enforced until such time as the State of California had obtained CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) approval for the requirements.

Section 4690.6 applied to vendors in the following service codes: 505-Activity Center, 510-Adult Development Center, 515-Behavior Management Program. Also, if a vendor has been paid a daily rate for a “look a-like” day program, the following service codes may have been included: 055-Community Integration Services, 063-Community Activities Support Services, 525-Social Recreation Program, 028-Socialization Training Program, 954-Work Activity Program.

Given the recent court decision, the half day billing statute is no longer in effect and there is only full day billing.

Note that the regional center may still change the length of the declared and approved program day for a specific person served to meet the needs of that person, upon the recommendation of the planning team. The regional center must set forth in the individual program plan the length of the person served’s program day and the reasons for the change in the length of the declared and approved program day.

For billing purposes, please enter **1.00** on the e-Billing attendance calendar on the given day billed for, regardless of how many hours a person has attended. Adjustments to reimburse providers for half day billings retroactive to February 13, 2015 will be made in April as part of TCRC’s regular payment processing of the March invoices.

A copy of the Program Directive from the Department of Developmental Services is attached for your review. Should you have any questions, please contact Leslie Burton, POS Manager, at leslieb@tri-counties.org.

Sincerely,

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Chief Financial Officer

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Attachment