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Rate Changes due to the Minimum Wage Increase, July 1, 2014

Dear Supportive Living Services Providers:

On September 25, 2013, the California government enacted legislation raising the minimum wage. Effective July 1, 2014, every employer shall pay to each California employee wages not less than nine dollars ($9.00) per hour for all hours worked. Copies of the full text of the amended wage orders may be obtained by ordering on-line at www.dir.ca.gov/WP.asp. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is providing allocations to regional centers to provide funding to Service Providers that are currently paying staff less than $9.00.
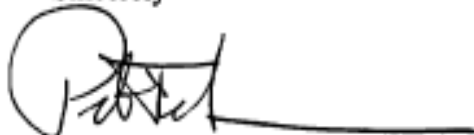
To comply with AB10, Alta California Regional Center (Alta) will email you an updated Master Budget soon. It will reflect the new $9 minimum rate. Service providers must use the updated Master Budget to generate the new individual client budgets for July 1st.

**All current SLS authorizations will end on June 30, 2014.**

On July 1, 2014, new authorizations for the $9 minimum wage will go into effect. Service Providers must complete and submit new individual budgets for all clients (using the updated Master Budget) in order to receive new authorizations effective July 1, 2014. In addition, Service Provider must submit the current individual client budgets in effect as of June 30, 2014 to the Service Coordinator of each client. If the only minimum wage change is due to the pay rate for sleep hours, no supporting documentation is required. However, Service Providers with other staff rates currently below $9 per hour must submit page(s) from your payroll register for these employees. Please submit payroll documentation to Navreet Kaur at nkaur@altaregional.org. Note, this will likely only apply to vendors with a median rate.

Our plan is to have all authorizations updated by July 31, 2014. This will allow for correct billing for the month of July. If you have questions, please contact your Service Coordinator.

Sincerely

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