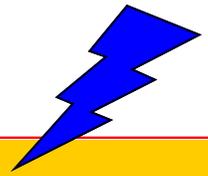


# Action Item #1



May 17, 2024

**ISSUE:** Approval of changes to Far Northern Regional Center’s Purchase of Service Guidelines and Funding Policy due to legislative changes to the Lanterman Act reflected in Section 4688.22. After the changes presented in January, DDS requested additional changes to all regional center POS Guidelines to enable more access to social recreation services.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The contract between Far Northern Regional Center and the Department of Developmental Services requires that we “maintain standards for the purchase of services for persons with developmental disabilities.” (Article II, section 4 of contract)

These guidelines are used by FNRC employees daily to determine generally what services can be purchased and who has the authority to approve certain services. All services have an exception (a way out) that can be given by the Executive Director.

Recently, the legislature added a new section to the Lanterman Act, 4688.22. This section requires regional centers remove any policies that require a client or family member to exhaust In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) or exchange respite hours for social recreation services (or any restored service). In addition, co-payments or cost sharing for social recreation services (or any restored service) is no longer allowed.

## **ACTION REQUESTED:**

We respectfully request that the document, “Purchase of Service Guidelines and Funding Policy, dated May 17, 2024 be approved by the FNRC Board of Directors