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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STABILIZATION, TRAINING, ASSISTANCE AND REINTEGRATION (STAR)
TRANSITION CALLS

The purpose of this correspondence is to share changes the Department of Developmental Services (Department) will incorporate into the calls with regional centers, effective June 1, 2023, for individuals who are being served in a STAR home. The Department currently facilitates conference calls with regional centers at least monthly for each individual being served in a state operated STAR home. The purpose of these calls is to discuss the progress of stabilization and plans for timely transition to the individual's long-term living arrangement in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 4418.7(e). A pattern of challenges identifying and planning for individuals' timely transition as they progress towards meeting their stabilization goals have necessitated these changes. The changes to these calls include the required participants and the frequency of the calls, as outlined in the enclosed "STAR Transition Call Process."

Beginning June 1, 2023, participants in these calls will include at a minimum the following: Department staff, STAR home administrators, regional project liaisons for STAR homes, and regional center staff, including the Director of Community Services, Director of Consumer Services, Service Coordinator and Program Manager. Regional center participants may be adjusted based on progress and after discussion with the Department. If there is no identified transition plan after nine (9) months, or if significant barriers to timely transition have been identified, the Department will require the Executive Director to also begin participating. The frequency of these calls may also increase for an individual, if needed, to help facilitate a timely and smooth transition.

The function of these monthly calls is to promote transitions as soon as an individual is ready for transition through the sharing of information and proactive identification and troubleshooting of problems in a timely manner. Participants in these calls should be prepared to discuss topics including, but not limited to: the individual's current length of stay at the STAR home; projected transition date; status and results of the comprehensive assessment; transition planning activities, including the services and supports that have been identified, and training activities; and any barriers to transition to the individual's long-term living arrangement.

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