



Public Meeting Announcement

637 Waiver - Enhanced Supported Living Services

AB 637 was passed into law in the late 1990s and allowed regional centers to develop "innovative means of providing needed services." Innovative per the 637 waiver means strategies that are prohibitive or impeded by existing laws and/or regulations.

San Andreas Regional Center proposes to develop Enhanced Supported Living Services (ESLS), which is designed to offer flexibility to support the most difficult to serve individuals who want to live in their own homes.

This service is designed to address complex concerns a person may be experiencing, which include but are not limited to:

- Intense behavior of concern including severe aggression and propensity for significant property damage
- Forensic involvement requiring enhanced supervision, i.e., charges related to sexual acts, gang affiliation, robbery, or other violence
- Co-occurring mental health diagnoses which makes service delivery challenging
- Substance abuse resulting in a need for an enhanced level of support and supervision
- Unsuccessful in other living arrangements due to disruptive behaviors or forensic involvement

Proposed Waived Regulations:

1. California Code - Welfare and Institutions Code § 4691.9 (a)

Rates - A regional center shall not negotiate a rate with a new service provider, for services where rates are determined through a negotiation between the regional center and the provider, that is higher than the regional center's median rate for the same service code and unit of service, or the statewide median rate for the same service code and unit of service, whichever is lower. SARC proposes to negotiate administrative, staff and consultant rates that are competitive and address the staffing and services needs of these individuals who have serious and complex needs.

2. California Code of Regulations, Title 17 § 54326 (a)(11)
Indirect Staffing - Service providers shall not bill for consumer absences for nonresidential services. SARC proposes to add a separate indirect staffing service that captures funding when the individual is not receiving direct care in order to maintain the individual's experienced and qualified staff.

Impact to Those Receiving Services:

SARC's intent is to design specialized services that meet the complex needs of these individuals who are often underserved or not served at all and who want to live in their own home with Supported Living Services (SLS).

The proposed service will offer flexibility to support the most difficult to serve individuals with uniquely designed components to meet the complex needs of those outlined above.

Approval of these Waivers Will Result in:

1. Service options for individuals with complex needs to divert them from more restrictive settings.
2. Services that support individuals with complex needs and are in line with the individual's preferences for their living arrangement.
3. A funding mechanism to retain highly trained and qualified staff when temporary absences occur with the goal of providing high quality, continuous services for our individuals who are difficult to serve.

Regional Center Budgetary Impact:

Purchase of service (POS) costs associated with this new service model have already been factored into SARC's POS budget and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has awarded Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) startup funds to assist with project implementation.

Public Comment Meeting

DATE: December 9, 2021

TIME: 3 PM - 4 PM

PLATFORM: VIRTUAL WITH REGISTRATION REQUIRED

REGISTER HERE: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-GtqDsuGtLwhlmMJzgLehLoYJum1d2F>

WRITTEN INPUT: Accepted through 12 pm on December 9, 2021

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Attention: Gina Jennings/Public Comment

This information will be distributed to stakeholders via our social media platform, SARC website, Service Provider Advisory Committee and other means of notification to our community stakeholders by November 30, 2021.