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TO: REGIONAL CENTER DIRECTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, CHIEF
COUNSELORS, AND SYSTEM OPERATORS

SUBJECT: **TECHNICAL BULLETIN #448**
SSI/SSA Rate Change for 2013

The purpose of this Technical Bulletin is to inform regional centers of an SSI/SSA rate change effective January 2013. This rate change will affect both consumer benefit rates and payments to residential service providers as a result of the 1.25 percent payment reduction.

The Social Security Administration has announced there will be a 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security Disability Title II (SSA) recipients for 2013. The State of California, Department of Social Services (CDSS) has announced that the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit rate for Out-of-Home Placement will rise by a maximum of \$12.00. CDSS staff has informed Department of Developmental Services' staff that the new monthly basic rate for Board and Care (B&C) will be \$993.00 and the Personal and Incidental (P&I) amount will increase to \$129.00 (\$149.00 for consumers receiving multiple benefits). The increase in B&C will be used to offset the regional center supplement.

The Community Care Facility Alternative Residential Model rates remain the same as those in effect January 1, 2009; however, the Level 1 facility rate reflects the increase in the SSI benefit rate effective January 1, 2013. See Attachment A for the updated rate schedule. Please note that regional centers will continue to reduce payments to providers by the required 1.25 percent pursuant to Trailer Bill (AB 1472 Chapter 25, Statutes of 2012). As the payment calculation for residential rates excludes the SSI benefit rate, the change in this rate will require regional centers to update Purchase of Service (POS) Rate records and POS Authorizations effective January 1, 2013. The Uniform Fiscal System (UFS) program PSMEN6 Option 10. *Rate Table Maintenance: Residential Rates* has been changed to update POS Rate Records for residential services based on the new SSI benefit rate. Please refer to Attachment B for instructions and Attachment C for the Recap of Payment Reduction Rate Types as of January 2013.

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The UFS program PSME62 Option 10. *SSI/SSA Change Procedure* has been updated for the January 1, 2013, SSI rate change. While running the program, you will be asked to confirm the program is being run for the first time for 1/2013; please verify that the date is correct before continuing. Please read the SSI/SSA Change Procedure User Guidelines in Technical Bulletin #357 before performing the SSI/SSA rate changes. Whether you will be using the automated procedure on UFS or changing the rates manually, you will find the information in the guidelines helpful.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Application Support Team at (916) 653-3329, or e-mail ast@dds.ca.gov. You will also find this information posted on the www.dds.ca.gov/ast website.

Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY RATES
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

Service Level	Monthly Payment Rate Per Consumer Effective 1/1/2013 ¹
1	\$993
2-Owner	\$1,910
2-Staff	\$2,146
3-Owner	\$2,194
3-Staff	\$2,502
4A	\$2,941
4B	\$3,134
4C	\$3,326
4D	\$3,567
4E	\$3,825
4F	\$4,082
4G	\$4,386
4H	\$4,707
4I	\$5,159

The Personal and Incidental expenses associated with the January 1, 2013, SSI/SSP payment standard increased from \$128 to \$129.

¹ Includes the SSI/SSP pass through effective January 1, 2013.