

From Mark Antenucci, Vendor Advisory Chairperson,

Good Afternoon,

RCOC's Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) has been addressing the court's injunction related to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4692 /Uniform Holiday Schedule. The injunction removes the State's authority to implement a Uniform Holiday Schedule throughout the regional center system, which prohibited regional centers from compensating specified vendors for services provided on any of the holidays identified in the statute.

In the absence of a State mandated Uniform Holiday Schedule, VAC's across the State have lead an effort to build a local Uniform Holiday Schedule. This collaborative effort provides many benefits for the community, which include:

- Consistency for families and residential providers serving people who receive services through RCOC. For example: A home that supports 6 adult residents would have consistent staffing responsibilities on holidays.
- Efficient use of public funds. For example: Transportation services would operate at full capacity throughout the year, instead of having to provide partial services during holidays only honored by a portion of vendors.

To organize Orange County's Uniform Holiday Schedule, a survey has been drafted. The survey is for the following vendors:

Service Code	Service Description
055	Community Integration Training Program
063	Community Activities Support Services
110	Supplemental Day Services Prgm Support
470	Participant-Directed Transportation - Family Member
505	Activity Center
510	Adult Development Program
515	Behavior Management Program
525	Social Recreation Program
702	Adult Day Health Center

875	Transportation Companies
880	Transportation - Additional Component
882	Transportation Assistant
883	Transportation - Broker
883	Transportation - Broker
890	Transportation Auto Driver
895	Transportation - Public

Please follow the link below to complete the survey. <u>Surveys must be completed by September 1, 2015.</u>

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UniformHolidayScheduleVendorSurvey2015

Based on the results, a Uniform Holiday Schedule for Orange County vendors will be proposed. Uniform Holiday participation is voluntary, but we are hopeful the vast majority will recognize the significant benefits for the people we serve, and honor the holidays identified through this process.

If you have any questions and/or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me at this email address mantenucci@independentoptions.org, or by phone (714) 981-1290.

Thank you,

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Link to DDS' Program Directive to Regional Centers Regarding the Injunction Issued Related to Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 4692 (Uniform Holiday Schedule) and 4690.6 (Half-Day Billing for Day Services) http://www.rcocdd.com/wp-content/uploads/pdf/vendorresources/ddsuniformholidayscheduledirective.pdf