



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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**Re: Financial Management Service (FMS) Provider Requirement
 Family Member Respite - Service Code 420**

Dear Family Member Service Provider:

This letter is to notify you of the new requirement for use of a Financial Management Service (FMS) provider for all family members whose child is Medi-Cal eligible[†], the family member is vendored to procure respite services and thus the family member is authorized to receive reimbursement for the purchase of those services. According to our records, your child is Medi-Cal eligible and you are vendored to procure respite services under service code 420, therefore, this requirement applies to you.

The federal government is now requiring consumers and family members of consumers to use a financial management service (FMS) provider for the reimbursement of funds expended to purchase respite services. The state of California has promulgated emergency regulations to ensure compliance with this federal requirement. Due to this change in both state and federal requirements, NLACRC is prohibited from reimbursing you directly for the respite services that you are currently vendored to procure for your child.

Currently, NLACRC has vendored the following FMS service providers:

FMS Service Provider	Services Provided
PL1191-490 FMS F/EA Service Provider Accredited Nursing Services 5955 Desoto Avenue, #160 Woodland Hills, CA 91367 800-974-1234	<p>Under this model, the vendored consumer or vendored family member will remain as the employer of the worker and the FMS service provider will provide assistance to the vendored consumer or vendored family member to ensure both compliance with labor laws and delivery of services.</p> <p>The FMS service provider will provide billing & reimbursement services, only if the vendored consumer or vendored family member has their own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and has secured worker's</p>

[†] "Medi-Cal eligible" means your child is currently a participant of the Medi-Cal program or is eligible to participate in the Medi-Cal program.



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PL1191-491 FMS Co-Employer Service Provider Accredited Nursing Services 5955 Desoto Avenue, #160 Woodland Hills, CA 91367 800-974-1234	compensation insurance. Under this model, the FMS service provider will hire the worker. The FMS service provider will only provide services to vendored consumer or vendored family member if the consumer is authorized to receive 30 hours per month or less of respite services.
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Please review the agencies available to provide you with FMS services and then contact your service coordinator at your earliest opportunity to discuss the selection of a Financial Management Service Provider and/or other options for the delivery of respite services. These options include the use of a conversion agency, which will accept referrals for hire from the family. Please find enclosed a list of vendored agencies that provide in-home respite services should you decide to use an agency to deliver this service.

Additionally, please find enclosed a "Fact Sheet" that provides more information about this change in regulation. During the month of February 2012, NLACRC will be conducting a training regarding the regulatory changes and requirements to interested vendored consumers or vendored family members. Information about this upcoming training is enclosed.

As always, NLACRC is dedicated to the provision of services to you and your child and will make every effort to assist you through this transition. Please contact your NLACRC service coordinator at one of the following phone numbers, if you have any questions about this information.

NLACRC Office	Phone Number
Van Nuys Office	818-778-1900
Santa Clarita Office	661-775-8450
Lancaster Office	661-945-6761