

OTHER THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PURCHASE OF SERVICE...

The following conditions must be taken into account by the Planning Team whenever a request for funding is considered:

- All possible sources of support must be discussed and pursued by the Planning Team. This includes the natural supports of family and friends. Governmental, private, public or other generic resources must also be utilized, if available.
- A Regional Center POS authorization can only be made when no other source of funding exists.
- The service must be related to the individual's developmental disability.
- An outcome must be included on the IPP or IFSP which addresses each service need.
- Parental support of minor children is expected.
- The most cost-effective service must be used.

- The services closest to the client's home will be selected, whenever available.
- For children under age 3, there may be some differences in services provided through the California Early Start Program.

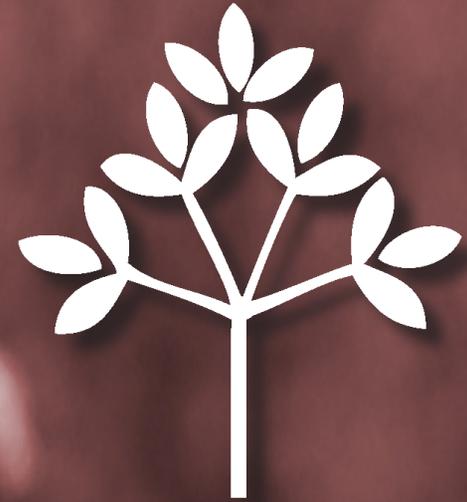
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SAN DIEGO REGIONAL CENTER GUIDE TO PURCHASE OF SERVICES

The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (the law which defines services) outlines the requirements of the Regional Center and the Planning Team in addressing the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. The California Early Intervention Services Act defines services for children under age 3 (California Early Start Services). Needs and services are discussed by the Planning Team and included on the Individual Program Plan (IPP) or, for children under age 3, the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

WHAT ARE PURCHASE OF SERVICES?

In order to meet the outcomes listed in the IPP/IFSP, the San Diego Regional Center (SDRC) may, under certain circumstances, purchase services for clients. A Purchase of Service (POS) authorization is the amount of funding the Regional Center has agreed to pay for a specific service. A service can only

be purchased when no other private or public funding source is available. POS standards have been developed which are used in reviewing funding requests.

WHAT ARE PURCHASE OF SERVICE STANDARDS?

The POS Standards provide direction about the kinds of services that SDRC may purchase for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

HOW ARE SERVICES ACCESSED?

A team of persons, including the client and their service coordinator and others (such as family members and providers of services), develop the IPP/IFSP. This team is called the Planning Team. Member of the Planning Team have a shared responsibility for looking at all possible resources and sources of funding. The IPP/IFSP outlines the services and supports the client needs, who will be providing the supports, and the source of any funding needed. The IPP/IFSP also

states why the service is needed, when the service will start and stop, and how the team will know if it helps. Each person has unique needs and, therefore, each person's IPP/IFSP is different.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF YOUR SERVICE COORDINATOR?

Each person served by the Regional Center has an assigned service coordinator. The service coordinator is the main point of contact for the client and his/her family. The client, the client's family and the SDRC service coordinator work together to identify resources. Others may also be involved in these discussions, including Regional Center consultants, providers of services or others the client or parent asks to participate. The service coordinator helps to set up meetings with the planning Team to talk about needs and to develop individualized plans.