

Self-Determination Program (SDP) Updates Meeting

November 14, 2025



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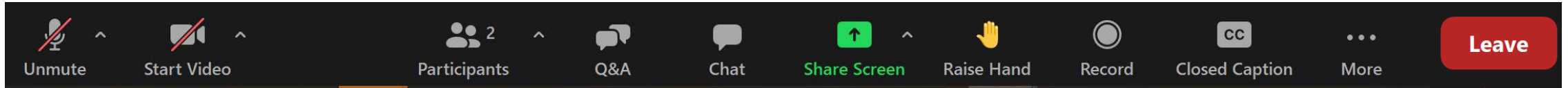


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Agenda

- 1. Review Directive:**

Self-Determination Program: Regional Center Reporting About Large Changes in Self-Determination Individual Budgets

- 2. Review Attachment A:**

Required Reporting Tool for Self-Determination Program Individual Budgets

- 3. Questions & Answers**

Self-Determination Program: Regional Center Reporting About Large Changes in Self-Determination Individual Budgets



On **November 6, 2025**, the Department issued a directive [Regional Center Reporting About Large Changes in Self-Determination Individual Budgets](#)

- The purpose of this directive is to give policymakers a better understanding of the reasons for large changes to SDP participants' individual budgets.
- The directive keeps Individual Program Plan meetings and budget development and certification between individuals and the regional center, without involvement by the Department.
- Starting in 2026, regional centers must submit the specified required information to the Department no later than February 28 of each year.

Directive Requirements

Annually, regional centers must provide information about a sample of already-certified individual budgets that have increase by \$20,000 or more compared to prior-year authorized services.

Directive Requirements

The Department will review a total of 1000 individual budgets. Each regional center must report a specific amount of certified individual budgets for two age categories:

- 0–21 years old
- 22 years and older

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Each regional center must provide a specific number of certified individual budgets to the Department.

The directive includes a table that lists the designated number of the total certified individual budgets each regional center must submit, broken up by the required age groups.

Directive Requirements

Regional centers will provide the following information to the Department for the sampling of individual budgets:

1. Certified individual budget
2. Certified or verified spending plan
3. Attachment A

[Attachment A](#) is intended to provide information on the reasons for changes to individual budgets that have increased by \$20,000 or more compared to the participant's prior year of authorized services.

Attachment A: Required Reporting Tool for Self-Determination Program Individual Budgets

The regional center will answer the following questions:

1. Provide participant's Unique Client Identifier Number (UCI number).
2. Provide participant's most recent certified individual budget amount.
3. Is this the individual's first SDP budget?
4. For initial individual budgets, did the individual need services that were not available in the traditional service delivery system?
5. What were the barriers in the traditional service delivery system that prevented access to these services?
6. Was there a change in circumstance, needs, and/or resources that caused a budget adjustment?
7. Are there any services that are going to be funded outside of the participant's individual budget?
8. List the services that will be funded outside of the participant's individual budget.

Questions and Answers

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