

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-46-92

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: NEW PROGRAM MODELS FOR IHSS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by SDSS

The increasing demands on a shrinking revenue have focused attention on the need to seek not only new sources of revenue for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) but better, more efficient ways of utilizing limited available funds to provide services. The advent of additional federal support through the Title XIX personal care option may provide some relief, but the rapid growth of the IHSS program and competing demands on still-limited State revenue necessitate that these new funds, like existing revenue, be used very prudently.

The Administration and this Department are very interested in the development of new ideas and methods of delivering IHSS that promote cost effectiveness and economy, improve coordination and administration of services, manage funds more frugally and provide care to recipients with appropriate outcomes to maintain their safety and independence.

In response to specific County inquiries, we have expressed interest in developing the "managed care" and "capitation" concepts of delivering and funding IHSS in a more effective use of the private sector, and in other innovative methods which address the persistent cost, quality of care and revenue shortage problems faced in the IHSS program.

This Department is interested in receiving proposals from Counties to achieve these goals and is prepared to provide assistance to facilitate the successful development and implementation of these programs. This assistance can include expediting the timeframe for review and approval of such programs and the consideration of appropriate waivers which would not increase State General Fund expenditures and are in concert with the provisions of Section 18204 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

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Counties that are interested in developing such new programs, or have further questions, should contact Robert A. Barton, Chief, Adult Services Branch, at (916) 657-2186.


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