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#21: Fact Sheet on California's Budget Cuts to Developmental Disability Services & Programs – July 28, 2009

Regional Center Statement of Services and Supports¹

The State Legislature required the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to reduce the DD Budget by 334 million dollars. As a result, there are changes to the types and amounts of services that regional centers can purchase. This fact sheet describes the regional center's responsibility to provide you with a statement of services and supports.

How the Law Changed

At least once a year, your regional center will send to you, your parents, legal guardian, conservator, or authorized representative, a statement of services and supports that lets you know what the regional center purchased for you. The statement of services and supports will include the type, unit, month and cost of services and supports that the regional center purchased for you. The statement provides only information and does not change or reduce what you are already receiving.

The reason the regional center is sending this statement to you is to make sure that you are actually getting the services and supports that the regional center is paying for you to get. If you receive the statement of services and supports from the regional center and see that you are not

¹ The changes are part of the Budget Trailer Bill (TBL) ABx4 9. You may find the law at http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/abx4_9_bill_20090728_chaptered.pdf. The changes affecting Regional Center Statement of Services and Supports are found in Welfare & Institutions Code, Section 4648(h).

getting the services and supports that are being charged, be sure to let your regional center know.