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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: UPDATES AND CLAIMING GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING TO IMPROVE  
LANGUAGE ACCESS AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY

This letter provides updated Language Access and Cultural Competency (LACC) Program claiming procedures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and subsequent years.

Since LACC no longer is funded using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, separate claiming no longer is necessary. LACC now is funded through General Fund regional center operations allocations. Going forward, its expenditures must be included as part of the regular General Fund state claims and submitted directly to the Department's Accounting team. More detail is outlined below:

1. Uniform Fiscal Systems General Ledger (GL) code 23 has been established for the LACC Program. A technical Bulletin detailing the new GL codes will be released shortly after this Directive is issued.
2. Starting with FY 2025-26, please include LACC expenditures in the regular General Fund state claims. These expenditures must be included in the regular operations expenditures and not listed separately on the claim.
3. Regional Centers must consistently record LACC-related expenditures in GrantVantage in accordance with the LACC Directive linked below and Welfare and Institutions Code [Section 4620.4](#). This practice will provide an accurate record of how this specialized funding allocation is being utilized.

As a reminder, LACC funds are intended to enhance the experience of individuals served, and their families, as well as to ensure more consistent access to information and services for monolingual, multilingual and diverse cultural groups. *These funds shall not replace any existing efforts or funds for similar purposes* and aim to provide maximum additional benefit to the greatest number of individuals served, their families and caregivers. For more information about the LACC Program, please refer to the Department's April 6, 2022, Directive "[Funding to Improve Language Access and Cultural Competency](#)."

If you have any questions, please contact the Department's LACC Managers or email [SAELACCPprogram@dds.ca.gov](mailto:SAELACCPprogram@dds.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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