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TO: IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) AND
WAIVER PERSONAL CARE SERVICES (WPCS)
RECIPIENTS

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ABOUT STATE COVID-19
SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE BENEFIT FOR
IHSS AND WPCS PROVIDERS

A new State law passed on February 9th, 2022, which provides COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave benefit for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and Waiver Personal Care Services (WPCS) providers between January 1, 2022 and September 30, 2022.

Your provider can only claim COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. They are having symptoms of COVID-19 and are seeking a medical diagnosis;
2. They are having COVID-19 symptoms and are subject to quarantine or have been advised to self-quarantine by a health care provider.
3. They are caring for their child whose school or childcare facility has been closed due to COVID-19 precautions and there is no one else available to care for their child.
4. They or their family member had a medical appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, or COVID-19 vaccination booster.
5. They are experiencing COVID-19 vaccination or COVID-19 vaccination booster related side effects.
6. They or their family member they are caring for tests positive for COVID-19.

It is important for you to know that if your IHSS provider becomes sick with COVID-19, needs to be diagnosed or is quarantined due to COVID-19, they cannot provide IHSS or WPCS services.

If your provider is unable to come to work due to COVID-19, please continue to follow the guidelines to protect yourself from getting sick by washing your hands for at least 20 seconds, avoiding touching your face and following public health guidance and stay at home orders.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

If your provider is impacted by COVID-19 and is unable to come to work, they are required to tell you with as much notice as possible. If you need help with finding a new care provider during your provider's absence, please contact your local county IHSS office or public authority for assistance.