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### CAHF's New CEO

**Mr. Craig Cornett, CAHF's new President and CEO**, assumed his role on December 4. Craig is becoming involved in the developmental services provider community and plans visits to several ICF facilities in the near future.

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### 2018 Developmental Services Conference Officers

The new 2018 Chair is **Matthew Steinorth** of **Epiphany Care Homes in Oxnard**. The new Vice Chair is **Michelle Clarke** from **Ability Pathways in Upland** and the continuing Secretary is **Rose Tupaz** from **Tupaz Homes in San Jose**.

There will be a meeting of all conference officers and regional representatives at CAHF headquarters on March 21 to discuss issues related to developmental services and challenges to the ICF provider community.

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### DHCS Minimum Wage Impact Survey

The Long-Term Care System Development Unit establishes the Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for Freestanding Skilled Nursing Facilities Level-B (FS/NF-B), Adult Freestanding Subacute Facilities Level-B (FSSA/NF-B), NF-Bs designated as Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD), Distinct Part Pediatric Subacute (DP/PSA) and Freestanding Pediatric Subacute Facilities Level B (FS/PSA). The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is providing reimbursement to LTC providers by way of an add-on to the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate for the additional cost of the minimum wage increase due to Senate Bill 3 (Chapter 4, Statutes of 2016).

To provide accurate reimbursement, DHCS requests the participation of long-term care providers to complete the SB 3 Wage Survey. Please refer to the Survey Instructions (PDF) via the link below for important information before you complete the survey. If you are not the person in your organization responsible for completing this survey, please forward these instructions and the survey link to the appropriate staff. The survey will be open through March 23, 2018.

The Survey and Instructions are available at the link below:

- [2018 SB 3 Wage Survey Instructions](#) (PDF)
- [Job Title Descriptions](#) (PDF)
- [SB 3 Impact Survey to Long-Term Care \(LTC\) Providers](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Long Term Care System Development Unit at [supp1629@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:supp1629@dhcs.ca.gov) or [LTCReimbursement@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:LTCReimbursement@dhcs.ca.gov).

(ICF/DDs, ICF/DD-Hs, ICF/DD-Ns only) with the subject line "SB 3 Wage Impact Survey."

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## QIDP Certification Class

Presenters **Mary Jann** and **Vivian Limas** will be leading CAHF's first QIDP class for 2018 on March 28 and 29 in Sacramento. Later classes are being planned throughout the year in both northern, central and southern California.

[LINK TO REGISTRATION](#)

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## Conditions of Participation Class

A new class has been scheduled for April 19 for a complete review of the federal Conditions of Participation. This class is suitable for all levels of staff. The class size is limited to 26, so register early.

[LINK TO REGISTRATION](#)

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## Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) Fiscal Outlook: Developmental Services

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) provides services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities in California.

DDS provides in one of two ways: (1) through its Community Services Program, which currently serves about

317,000 individuals whose services are coordinated by 21 private nonprofit agencies called Regional Centers (RCs), and (2) through its Developmental Centers (DCs) program, which currently serves about 700 people at three state-run DCs and one state-run community facility.

The DDS budgeting process reflects these two service models by presenting estimated funding and expenditures for RCs and DCs separately. DDS receives state funding from the General Fund and federal funding primarily through Medicaid Waiver programs. We project General Fund expenditures for DDS to grow from \$4.2 billion in 2017-18 to about \$4.4 billion in 2018-19 and increase even more rapidly over the remainder of the outlook period, which extends from 2017-18 to 2021-22.

By 2021-22, we project General Fund expenditures for DDS to reach \$6.5 billion, resulting in an average annual growth rate of 11.7 percent over the outlook period. Two factors account for nearly all of the growth in the DDS General Fund budget: the rising statewide minimum wage and growing caseload.

A 2016 law (SB 3 Leno) will increase the statewide minimum wage over a period of several years, reaching \$15 per hour for most workers as soon as January 1, 2022. In the DDS Community Services Program, statewide minimum wage increases will affect a large segment of direct service providers, significantly increasing state costs. We project that General Fund expenditures due to scheduled increases in the statewide minimum wage will account for nearly 60 percent of the growth in the DDS General Fund budget over the outlook period, resulting in increased expenditures of close to \$1.5 billion by 2021-22, relative to 2017-18.

### **AB 2476, as introduced, Rubio. Health and care facilities. (February 14, 2018)**

Existing law establishes the **State Department of Public Health** and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, the licensure and regulation of primary care clinics and specialty clinics.

Existing law authorizes the department to adopt regulations to implement these provisions. Violation of these provisions is a crime. Existing law, which became operative on January 1, provides that all regulations relating to licensed clinics in effect on December 31, 1977, which were adopted by the department, remain in full force and effect until altered, amended, or repealed by the department. This bill would make those provisions inoperative until January 1, 2020, and until that date, would instead require those clinics to comply with specified federal certification standards until regulations are adopted by the department.

The law requires the **State Department of Public Health** and the **State Department of Developmental Services** to jointly develop and implement licensing regulations appropriate for an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-nursing and an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-continuous nursing, as specified. This bill would make those provisions inoperative until January 1, 2021, and until that date, would instead require those facilities to comply with specified federal certification standards until regulations are adopted by the departments.

### **Emergency Planning & Training Guides**

The NEW federal emergency preparedness requirements are now in effect. Please contact [Jason Belden](#) or [Elaine Rawes](#) for any questions or concerns.

Tools are available on [CAHF.org](#): Disaster Planning Guides for the ICF/IID Requirements. Please utilize the tools below for your plan development and training.

[A comprehensive guide/checklist to all elements for the development of a plan](#) (PDF)

[A guide to the 'Surveyor' review and validation of your plan](#) (PDF)

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## Upcoming Conferences

There are **two great venues in March** for the providers of developmental services.



### March 11 - 13, 2018, Sacramento

The **ARC** and **UCP** offer an annual conference. "The conference is an event for self-advocates, family members, community service providers, direct support professionals, regional center professionals, policymakers, and anyone else who wants to use public policy to build a better today and tomorrow for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

This year, the theme is "Moving into the future." The focus – inclusive education, integrated housing, transformation of services and supports, civil rights & protections, community organizing, outreach to underserved communities, health care changes, competitive integrated employment and much more."



### March 22 - 25, 2018, Orlando, FL

Each year, Developmental Disabilities Nursing Association holds its annual conference in various states. This year – Orlando, with a theme of "DD Nursing... Magic Wands Required." This is always an excellent update for

nurses.

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## Workforce

The [President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities \(PCPID\)](#) has released its 2017 report, *America's Direct Support Workforce Crisis: Effects on People with Intellectual Disabilities, Families, Communities and the U.S. Economy*.

Direct support professionals (DSPs) provide services and supports that empower people with intellectual disabilities to live in the community.

In the report, PCPID notes that DSPs promote participation in the U.S. economy "by helping people with an (intellectual disability) get jobs and by enabling family members to work." The report describes the current state of the DSP workforce as a "crisis," noting that the average DSP wage is \$10.72, most work two or three jobs, and the average annual DSP turnover rate is 45 percent.

The report also explores:

- How these issues affect individuals, families, and human services systems;
  - The factors that contribute to these issues; and
  - Promising practices to strengthen the direct support workforce.
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## The Road to Work: Services to Seniors – Autism Employment Pilot Program

The grant funded pilot project shall "identify two distinct groups of individuals that, with training and support, shall be able to support each other in an enriched environment of mutual satisfaction."

The '*Service to Seniors: Autism Employment Pilot Project*' is designed to challenge the unmet needs of these individuals.

The pilot program will focus on a group of fifteen young adults with autism spectrum disorders identified as willing to explore innovative job opportunities in the community. The fifteen selected young adults shall be provided with job training, job coaching and mentoring along with financial planning and money management skills, as required.

There are a growing number of senior citizens that require supportive services while either living independently in their own homes or in a community or health supported environment.

The ultimate goal of the program is to establish additional employment opportunities for these young adults as well as an identified employee resource pool that may be accessed by employers / seniors in need of supportive services that may be provided by these trained and mentored young adults.

The pilot project has proven successful in offering fifteen individuals with autism spectrum disorders, the vocational training necessary to provide services and supports for older adults. In less than six months, the program has been able to place all participants at five different Eskaton assisted living facilities. The project is receiving enthusiastic reviews and supports from everyone involved.

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## Next CAHF Cafe: - Wednesday, March 14, Noon

Join us at noon for a short burst of fresh news and views for CAHF's developmental services providers. Here is your opportunity for monthly updates on a variety of subjects that influence the ICF/IID providers of services.

Questions? Email [Elaine Rawes](#), and while you are at it, tell us what topics you most want to hear about during CAHF Cafe.

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