

October 22, 2009

Eva Lopez
Deputy Director, Adult Programs Division
California Department of Social Services
MS 8-17-12
744 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 11/1/09 deadline for provider enrollment mandates

Dear Ms. Lopez,

I'm writing to inform you that San Luis Obispo County will not be able to implement the new provider enrollment mandates by the deadline of 11/1/09, for the following reasons:

We have not received all of the necessary directives that we need in order to proceed, i.e., ACL for fingerprinting/background check process.

We have not been provided with all of the materials needed for the mandated provider orientation, i.e., copies in Spanish.

We are aware of serious legal questions attached to these mandates that have not been addressed. For example, and of great concern, are the statements on the new enrollment form that an individual with a record of "any" felony or a "serious" misdemeanor cannot be an IHSS provider.

We must apply for and receive a CORI number from the Department of Justice, and have been told that this process will take 4-6 weeks, *beyond* the time needed to take the required local steps necessary to submitting our application. This alone makes it impossible to meet the 11/1/09 deadline for new provider eligibility requirements.

Finally, the 11/1/09 deadline is not a realistic period of time in which to determine our personnel needs and restructure accordingly, determine, plan, and implement local procedures, even without the

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above-listed barriers. This is particularly true, given the decreases in both staff and funding that have been necessary in our local Public Authority, due to massive cuts by the state to our administrative funds.

At such time as San Luis Obispo County is provided with all of the documentation, authorizations, and materials necessary, and the enrollment mandates have been legally vetted, we will be able to proceed in our efforts to comply with provider enrollment mandates. We look forward to receiving the information needed, and to the resolution of these pending issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Clipperton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna Clipperton
Supervisor
IHSS Public Authority
County of San Luis Obispo

cc: Lee Collins, Director, DSS, County of San Luis Obispo
Trula LaCalle, Executive Director, California Association of Public
Authorities