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

SUBJECT: COVID-19 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR IHSS/WPCS
PROVIDERS

You are receiving this letter because the new Public Health Order issued on September 28, 2021 requires certain In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and Waiver Personal Care Services (WPCS) providers to be fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine by November 30, 2021. This does not apply to providers who:

1. Live with a recipient(s) and provide services to no one else, or
2. Provide services to a family member(s) even if they do not live with them and provide services to no one else

Your provider must get vaccinated if they are not related to you and/or do not live with you. By receiving this letter, one or more of your providers has been identified by the California Department of Social Services as a provider who is required to be vaccinated.

Your provider may request an exemption from the vaccine requirement for a Qualified Medical Reason or Religious Beliefs. In order to get this exemption, your provider must provide you a signed copy of the *COVID-19 Vaccination Exemption Form* (attached) stating they are not going to get vaccinated and provide the reason. To get an exemption for a Qualified Medical Reason, they must provide a note from their doctor, nurse practitioner, or other licensed medical professional stating that they qualify for the medical exemption. If you think your provider is exempt from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement, then they must get tested weekly for COVID-19 and wear a surgical mask or N95 mask, **at all times** while providing services in your home.

You may choose to no longer use a provider that has chosen not to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Your provider must keep their own records of vaccination, or COVID-19 test results if applicable, and must provide them to you if you ask them for it.

Please note, if your provider tests positive for COVID-19, they should not be providing IHSS/WPCS services. Please continue to follow the guidelines to prevent yourself from getting COVID-19 and contact your local county IHSS office, Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver Agency, or public authority for help with finding a new care provider during your provider's absence.