

## Developmental Services Trailer Bill (TBL) – Part 2

### AB 172 (Committee on Budget)

*AB 172 is a follow-on bill related to human services, and can be seen as this year's second developmental services "Trailer Bill." A summary of the parts relevant to the regional center system is provided here, with reference to the sections of law being changed. A specific procedural detail in this bill meant all changes went into effect immediately upon signing by Gov. Newsom, which happened October 8, 2021.*

1. Health & Safety Code (HSC) § 1502(a)(16) – Code clean-up to remove reference to Sonoma Developmental Center.
2. HSC § 1502(a)(22) – New language defining a “group home for children with special health care needs” as a home certified by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and licensed by the Department of Social Services (CDSS), that provides 24-hour care in a homelike setting to no more than five children with developmental disabilities (as defined in the Lanterman Act).
3. Welfare & Institutions Code (W&I) § 361.2(e)(9) – For children who are a dependent or ward of the court, if they are placed in a licensed group home for children, that home must be vendored by a regional center.
4. W&I § 4096(g)(8) – Current law states that, for children being placed in short-term residential therapy in- or out-of-state, eligible people can receive the child’s case file. The list of eligible people will now include a member of the child’s multidisciplinary team, as defined in current statute ([W&I § 827\(a\)\(1\)\(k\)](#)).
5. W&I § 11402(j) – Children placed in licensed group homes are eligible for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care. However, this new change makes those children ineligible if the facility is a “group home for children with special health care needs.”
6. W&I § 12316.1 – For IHSS workers or providers of waiver personal care services, including relative caregivers, a new “Career Pathways Program” will be going live in the near future. This will provide training opportunities to improve the skills, and career advancement opportunities, of those individuals. Specific curricula will be developed in “basic skills” and “specialized skills” career pathways. These trainings are to be provided at no cost to the participant, who will be paid for participation at the rate they would earn were they working. Incentive payments for completing trainings will be provided.