

******* IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY *********TO: IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) RECIPIENT**

You are receiving this notice because you have been identified as a current IHSS recipient with an IHSS provider who meets the following conditions on or before January 31, 2016:

1. Your IHSS provider works for two or more IHSS recipients.
2. Your IHSS provider lives in the same home as all of the IHSS recipients he/she provides services to.
3. Your IHSS provider is related to both you and the other recipient(s) receiving services from him/her in your home as your parent, stepparent, adoptive parent or grandparent or is your legal guardian.

Beginning February 1, 2016, providers in the IHSS/Waiver Personal Care Services (WPCS) program will be paid overtime if they work more than 40 hours a week. A new state law limits the maximum weekly number of hours an IHSS provider can work in a workweek to 66 hours a week for IHSS and WPCS combined.

Your IHSS provider may be eligible for an exemption to the workweek limitation if he/she meets the three (3) requirements listed above, on or before January 31, 2016.

Providers who meet all three (3) requirements will be allowed to work up to a maximum of 90 hours per workweek and up to a maximum of 360 hours a month under this exemption. This means that your IHSS provider will be able to continue to meet your IHSS needs by working up to 90 hours per workweek and up to 360 hours a month combined for all IHSS recipients. If your IHSS provider works up to these maximum weekly and monthly hours and you or the other IHSS recipient(s) in your household still have IHSS hours left, then you or the other IHSS recipient(s) will need to hire another IHSS provider to work the rest of the IHSS hours.

We have sent a notice to your IHSS provider to tell him/her about this exemption. If your IHSS provider is interested in this exemption, he/she must complete, sign and date the In Home Supportive Services Program Live-in Family Care Provider Overtime Exemption form (SOC 2279) and return it to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) by April 1, 2016.

If your IHSS provider no longer meets the three (3) requirements above, your IHSS provider will no longer qualify for this exemption and you and your IHSS provider must notify the county immediately.

If you have any questions about this exemption, please call CDSS at (916) 551-1011.