

NORTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER

Service Policy Manual

Purchase of Services

North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) assists consumers and their families in the identification of needs associated with the developmental disability. NBRC uses the Individual Program Plan to identify these needs and to determine if there are any public or private resources available to meet the identified need.

NBRC will fund services that can not be met by a generic resource, fall within NBRC procedures and Lanterman guidelines including but not limited to the following:

- The service must be related to a condition of the developmental disability.
- The service must achieve goals or objectives that are clearly stated and defined by measureable outcomes.
- The service is supported by research as evidence based, effective and not harmful.
- The service or support does not duplicate one already being provided through natural supports, generic services or purchases by the regional center.
- The service must be provided by an "authorized" service provider. The provider must have written approval prior to beginning the service.
- The service must be cost effective.
- The service for minor children must take into consideration the family's responsibility for providing similar services for a minor child without disabilities.

All generic resources must be exhausted before services are provided.

Services will follow Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act guidelines.

The NBRC Executive Director may review and authorize an exception if warranted by individual circumstances.

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