

- Community integration training programs (SC 055)

### ISSUES TO CONSIDER

If your current provider is required to offer the Alternative Customized Program Component, you should carefully evaluate the services offered.

**Time** – The Alternative Customized Components will operate 20 to 80 hours per month. Most programs operate 120 hours in a typical month. If you choose the Alternative Customized Component, you cannot choose another program to fill the open hours.

**Purpose** – The Alternative Custom Components will focus exclusively on volunteer activities or on developing/maintaining employment, so they will not offer the variety of activities available in your current program.

**Qualifications** – The Alternative Custom Component is available to any adult eligible for services through the Regional Center system. An individual desiring this program may be required to have the ability to use public transportation to reach a volunteer or job site, good social skills, a current capacity to be independent, and/or the desire to be integrated in the community.

### INFORMED CHOICE

These program options have to be offered by each service provider, but no one is required to move from their current programs into the alternative programs. You have the right to choose one of these options, but you need to compare what your current service offers to what the new service offers. It's important to look at transportation needs, public access, and length of program day.

## New Program Components You Need to Know About

- The Alternative Customized Component
- The Alternative Senior Component

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## THE LANTERNMAN ACT HAS CHANGED!!!

Passage of California's 2009-10 state budgets included several changes to the Lanterman Act. As a result, existing programs must offer several new program components to consumers.

**Alternative Customized Program Component** is a part-time program for persons interested in volunteer or employment activities.

**Alternative Senior Component** is a program for people over 50 who want supports more suited for seniors.

When you meet with a case manager to develop, review, or modify an Individual Program Plan (IPP), these programs will be discussed. You have the option to choose one of the new programs, but you are not required to do so.

## THE ALTERNATIVE SENIOR COMPONENT

At their next IPP meeting, people age 50 or above will be offered an Alternative Senior Program that provides activities focused on the needs of seniors. The senior program will be offered as a new service within the service codes listed

below. You will need to check with your provider to know if your service is covered.

- Activity centers (SC 505)
- Adult development centers (SC 510)
- Behavior management programs (SC 515)
- Community integration training programs (SC 055)
- Community activities support programs (SC 063)
- Creative art programs (SC 094)
- Social recreation programs (SC 525)
- Socialization training programs (SC 028)
- Work activity programs (SC 954)

The new program will be offered at a ratio of no more than eight consumers to one staff member, and the vendor will be paid the lesser of \$35 per day or the vendor's existing daily rate.

## ISSUES TO CONSIDER

You will need to evaluate the Alternative Senior Program Component based on the services it provides compared to the services your current program provides.

**Site-based programs** - If your current program provides site based services, the Senior Component may provide less active, more restrictive activities.

**Work activity programs** – The Senior Component may offer a part-time employment option, or it may have to be in the community to meet safety requirements.

**Community-based programs** – The Senior Component will require participants to be fairly independent – able to take public transportation and care for themselves.

Each service provider is required to develop a Senior Component program design, including potential activities and locations for the program. You should carefully review this to see if it will meet your needs

## THE ALTERNATIVE CUSTOMIZED COMPONENT

The budget changes to the Lanterman Act also require certain programs to offer an Alternative Customized Component for consumers who want “to develop or maintain employment or volunteer activities in lieu of their current program.” The Alternative Customized Component is sometimes referred to as the Custom Endeavor Options, or CEO, program.

Service providers offering the following programs are required to offer the Alternative Customized Component:

- Activity centers (SC 505)
- Adult development centers (SC 510)
- Behavior management programs (SC 515)
- Community activities support services programs (SC 063)