



## Life with the Power of Choice and Possibilities

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Dear VMRC Provider,

As you may know, VMRC's neighboring regional center, Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) recently completed a "637 Waiver" with the Department of Developmental Services, which allows ACRC to waive the regulatory requirement that regional centers must follow, when it comes to rate negotiation for providers that traditionally are considered to have "SMA" (Schedule of Maximum Allowance) rates.

In order for Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) to implement the same rate negotiation methodology, we are requesting that you provide us with a current listing of any other rates that you use to perform the same service that you provide for VMRC. If you have a rate for the same assessment with School Districts or Insurance Companies or any other source, please share the rate information so that VMRC can share this information with the Department of Developmental Services, with the goal to be granted a waiver of the regulatory requirements; allowing VMRC to negotiate the rates with you directly based on other similar costs.

Please share any cost statement information to [bbennett@vmrc.net](mailto:bbennett@vmrc.net) at your earliest opportunity.

We thank you for your ongoing partnership and strive to support your efforts by advocating for an increase in rates for the completion of intake assessments.

If you have any questions about the request in this letter, please feel free to contact me directly by e mail or by phone (209) 955-3309

Sincerely,

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