



In Home Supportive Services Advisory Board ***News Bulletin***

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It seems like our world is changing everyday while everyone deals with the COVID 19 PANDEMIC. If you want to be prepared for changes or just have questions about IHSS, California Department of Social Services has a very informative website that everyone can access with the internet. Have you ever wondered how the IHSS staff in Humboldt county know what the State requires them to do? The State communicates to each county, with what are called "All County Letters," or ACL's. These are public documents, and you can find them here at <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/ihss>. These letters will keep you up to date on what is happening in the IHSS world; you will get the same information as the county staff do. Other things that you might want to access are; videos on Electric Timesheets, instructions for appeals or get answers to frequent questions.

PG&E, CFILC Partner to Support Vulnerable Customers in Preparation for Public Safety Power Shutoffs

PG&E is partnering with California Foundation for Independent Living Centers as part of PG&E's commitment to safety and supporting customers and communities. CFLIC will support customers with disabilities and older customers who are most vulnerable when the power goes out.

Turning off the power creates a hardship for all PG&E's customers, and a PSPS can impact vulnerable customers dramatically. By working with and offering financial assistance to CFLIC, PG&E can help alleviate some of the disruptive impacts and support the safety and wellness of these customers.

To learn more about this program locally contact Tri-Counties Independent Living in Eureka or www.pgecurrents.com



**MAY 2, 2020 - STATE CAPITOL UPDATE:
CALIFORNIA ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE TO
HOSPITALS REGARDING A PERSON WITH
DISABILITIES (INCLUDING
DEVELOPMENTAL) HOSPITALIZED WITH
COVID-19 - GUIDANCE ALLOWS SUPPORT
PERSON TO BE WITH THAT PERSON**

The new guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health states:
"The presence of a support person is essential to patients with physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities and patients with cognitive impairments. CDPH [California Department of Public Health] recommends that one support person be allowed to be present with the patient when medically necessary. This is great news as CDPH [California Department of Public Health] also recognizes the importance of ensuring people with disabilities receive the support they need while hospitalized.



**Community
Switchboard
CALL 211**

This service is available seven (7) days a week, **24 hours a day and offers fast, free and confidential assistance.**

Resource specialists are waiting to assist you. Just dial 2-1-1 to get connected to a live resource specialist who can answer questions about and help you find local programs & resources.

**Interested in serving on the IHSS
Advisory Committee?**

If you are interested in serving on the IHSS Advisory Committee and you are a current or past recipient, a care provider, or a representative from a community-based organization that advocates for individuals with disabilities or seniors, you may be eligible for appointment to the Advisory Committee. **Your voice can make a difference.**

Applications can be picked up from the IHSS office at 605 K Street in Eureka or you can call 707-388-6302 and ask to have one mailed to you.

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