ABX2-1 Service Provider Portal

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ABX2-1 Program Summary

The enactment of Assembly Bill (ABX2-1) (Chapter 3, Statutes of 2016) issued rate increases to designated Provider programs, effective July 1, 2016. The rate increase was for the purpose of increasing wages and/or benefits for staff that spend a minimum of 75 percent of their time providing direct services to consumers.

Included in the statute is a mandated requirement that the Department of Developmental Services ("DDS"), with California Regional Center (RC) participation, must survey all service providers who received this rate increase effective July 1, 2016.

The mandated survey must be completed no later than Sunday October 1, 2017. In order to meet this statutory timeline, it is suggested that providers complete the mandated survey **on or before Friday, September 15, 2017**.

Please know that the failure to complete the ABX2-1 rate survey(s) will result in Provider program(s) forfeiting the ABX2-1 rate increase.

A secure web portal has been created to facilitate the completion of the surveys by all designated Service Providers and to provide oversight of the process by Regional Center and DDS representatives.

This user manual will outline the steps required for Service Provider portal access and survey completion.

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1. Contact Information

For questions/assistance with the Portal, please contact our Customer Service group here:

ABX Survey Helpdesk

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2. Registration & Authentication

Each Service Provider user is required to authenticate his/her identity prior to accessing the ABX2-1 Service Provider portal. The Provider user will also have to confirm his/her email address and select a password to register.

To being this process, login to the following website links:

Step 1: Service Provider ABX2-1 Portal Registration Link (First Time/New User):

https://www.evoconportal.com/CADDS/authenticate.php

<u>Step 2: Service Provider ABX2-1 Survey Link (Once registered, Use the following link to login into the portal to complete the survey):</u>

https://www.evoconportal.com/CADDS/login.php

Note: Each Regional Center (RC) has posted the links above on its website.

The first link will show the page below:

The page language defaults to English; for a different language, use the drop down box to select.

🛂 Select Language 🛛 🔻

However, you must complete the form fields in English.

OIG Compliance NOW! LLC Home Contact Us	
Registration - Authentication ?	
• Welcome! Please enter the following information to authenticate.	
Tax ID Number	
XXXXXXXXXX	
Vendor/Service Provider Number	
Vendor/Service provider number	
Service Code Number	$\mathbf{K} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{K}$
Service code number	
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Please enter your Tax ID Number, Vendor Number, and Service Code Number. All 3 of these will be required for the authentication process.

Upon successful authentication, you will see the next page for Registration.

Enter your email address and a desired password, and confirm the password. Then click Register.

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Confirm Pa	assword			
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Upon successful registration, you will see the following message. Click Login to proceed.



3. Login

When you reach the login page; enter your email address and password and then click Login:

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Login		
Select Language 🔻		
Username (email address)		
username		
Password		
Password		
Login		
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4. Service Provider Portal Home Page

Below is the display of the Home Page for your portal. Instructions at the top of the page provide an overview of the survey completion requirements.

Please note: Any provider who received rate increases that does not complete and return this survey by October 1, 2017, will forfeit the rate increases.

The home page of your account will list the vendor numbers and service codes that are linked together with the **same Tax ID**.

Note: If you have other programs that are vendored under different tax IDs, you will need to create **separate portal accounts**. You will need to complete the Authentication and Registration procedures using the other Tax IDs, Vendor Numbers, and Service Codes. You will need to use a different email address and password to create portal accounts for completion of those survey forms. Please contact your primary (vendoring) Regional Center for assistance.

Below is the display of your Survey Status table:

Please complete each survey below t	0 100%		
VendorID:Service Code	Estimate	Percent Complete	
H24150:915	expand	38 %	Proceed To Survey >
H24337:915	expand	38 %	Proceed To Survey >

For each survey form, the table displays the following:

Estimate – click this button to display an approximation of the amount of ABX2-1 payments that you have received from all Regional Centers for your program.

These details are for informational use only; NO ACTION IS REQUIRED BY YOU. You do not need to contact the Regional Center about this information.

Total Estimate	ed ABX2-1 Annual	Payment Amount	×
FOR INFORMATI The total estim is provided as info ABX2-1 payments payment records	ONAL USE ONLY – NO ated ABX2-1 annual pa prmation to our service p s received by service pro of the regional center.	D ACTION IS REQUIRE syment amount by region providers. The total actu oviders may vary based	D nal center, reported below, al annual amount of the on the actual documented
Regional Center Name	Total Estimated Direct Annual Payment Amount [11.25 %]	Total Estimated Admin Annual Payment Amount [0.00 %]	Total Estimated Direct & Admin Annual Payment Amount
ALTA CALIFORNIA REGIONAL	\$190.13	\$0	\$274.63
Total Estimated Payment	\$190.13	\$0	\$274.63

Percent Complete – This section displays the percentage of completion for your survey form. You must reach 100% to submit the survey form, and 100% for all surveys listed in the table to complete the survey process.

Percent Complete	
38 %	

Proceed to Survey – Click this button to begin completing your survey form.



5. Survey Completion

Click on the Proceed to Survey button to begin completing your survey form.

You will notice 2 buttons at the bottom right corner of the survey window; you can use to return to Home or to save your information.

🔒 Go Back Home Save Information >

Note: The survey session is set at **30 minutes**; you must **save your work** at least every 30 minutes. You will see a countdown timer on the page to remind you when you have 5 minutes left. The timer will count down starting at 2 minutes. PRESS THE BUTTON TO **SAVE INFORMATION**, and you will reset the survey cycle to another 30 minutes.



If your session times out, you will see the message below. Press the Go Back Home button. You will be directed to the Login page. Please login again to continue.



The survey page language defaults to English; for a different language, use the drop down box to select. However, you must complete the survey form fields in **ENGLISH**.

Select Language 🔻	
You can select a language other than English to view the form fields/labels in that language; however, y complete the form fields in English.	you must
The first section of the survey will display the name and contact information that has been provided to the Regional Center.	าย
Vendor Contact Information	
Please review your vendor info and make changes if necessary:	

JOE SMITH	~
Address 1	
123 TEST ROAD	•
Address 2	
Address 2	

If any information has changed, please make edits to these fields. The Regional Center will receive notification that you have made changes, and may contact you for additional information.

In the next section, if you have not received any payments, please select the appropriate checkbox. If reason is Other, please describe.

If this section is marked, the form will be automatically completed by the system and it will be marked as 100% completed on the save page and the home page.

No ABX2-1 Rate Increase Payment
By checking one of the boxes below, I certify that no payment was received from the regional center related to the ABX2- 1 Rate Increase.
1. No payment received
2. No authorizations
Other (please describe in text box below)
Other

The next section begins the survey questions.

For **question 0**, you must indicate the month and year of your reporting period. The month of March 2017 is preferred; however, you can select a different option using the drop down menu:

The reporting month	of March 2017 is preferred. If you	must use a different reporting month, ple	ase select from
drop down list below.			
0. Reporting Month a	nd Year		
0. Reporting Month a	nd Year		
0. Reporting Month a March 2017	nd Year		

Continue on to answer the rest of the questions in the survey.

For questions 3 and 6 that ask you to compute averages, use the following formulas:

Question 3:

3. Average Direct Care Staff monthly, per person salary, wage and benefit costs during the service month of March 2017 (Add up the salary, wage and benefit costs for each person counted in question #1 during the reporting month, then divide by the total number of individuals.) :

\$ Average Monthly Per Person Costs

Average = Total salary, wage and benefit costs for Direct Care Staff (during the month)

Total # of direct care staff (answer to Question 1)

Question 6:

6. Average Supervisory/Management/Director staff monthly, per person salary, wage and benefit costs during the service month of March 2017 (Add up the salary, wage and benefit costs for each person counted in question # 4 during the reporting month, then divide by the total number of individuals.):

\$ Average Monthly Per Person Costs

Average =

Total salary, wage and benefit costs for Supervisory/Mgmt/Dir Staff (during the month)

Total # of Supervisory/Mgmt/Dir staff (answer to Question 4)

For questions 8 and 9, please use the text boxes to list the position category or job title. Multiple categories/titles may be entered for each question.

8. List position category or job title for the staff reported under Direct Care Staff positions that provide 75% or more of time providing direct services to consumer(s) [multiple categories/titles may be entered]:
9. List Position category or job title for the staff reported under Supervisory/Management/Director Staff positions that provide 75% or more of time providing direct services to consumer(s) [multiple categories/titles may be entered]:

For question 10, please expand the panel to see the options; choose all that apply:

10. Provide the type of salary or benefit increases provided to the employees who spend a minimum of 75% of their time providing direct services to consumers, pursuant to WIC, Section 4691.10(b)(1)(A):

Click on the collapsible panel to open and close it.

[+] Click here to expand / collapse question 10

Please use the **OTHER** fields only if necessary.

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Please choose what types of increases employees received (Choose all that apply):
Wages (include associated payroll taxes)
Bonus/One-Time Payment (include associated payroll taxes)
Health Benefits
Dental Benefits
Vision Benefits
Long Term Disability Benefits
Life Insurance
Retirement/Savings Plan Benefit 403(b),401(k),457 Plan, etc
Other (please describe in text box below)
Other

Also for question 11, please expand the panel to see the options; choose all that apply:

11. Provide information on the ABX2-1 funds that were utilized for Administrative Costs as specified in subdivision (b) of WIC Section 4629.7, pursuant to WIC, Section 4691.10(b)(1)(B):
Click on the collapsible panel to open and close it.
[+]Click here to expand / collapse question 11
Salaries, wages, or benefits for managerial personnel whose primary purpose is the administrative management of the vendor. This includes but is not limited to, directors and chief executive officers.
Salaries, wages, or benefits for employees who perform administrative functions, including but not limited to payroll, personnel functions, accounting, budgeting, and facility management.
Facility and occupancy costs, directly associated with administrative functions; WIC, Section 4629.7 (a)(3)
☐ Maintenance and repair; WIC, Section 4629(a)(4)
Data processing and computer support services; WIC, Section 4629.7(a)(S)
Contract and procurement activities, except those performed by direct service employees; WIC, Section 4629.7(a)(6)
Training directly associated with administrative functions; WIC, Section 4629.7(a)(7)
Travel directly associated with administrative functions; WIC, Section 4629.7(a)(8)
Licenses directly associated with administrative functions; WIC, Section 4629.7(a)(9)
Taxes; WIC, Section 4629.7(a)(10)
□ Interest; WIC, Section 4629.7(a)(11)
Property Insurance; WIC, Section 4629.7(a)(12)
Personal liability insurance directly associated with administrative functions; WIC, Section 4629.7(a) (13)
Depreciation; WIC, Section 4629.7(a)(14)
General expenses, including but not limited to communication costs and supplies directly associated with administrative functions; WIC, Section 4629.7(a)(15)
Other (please describe in text box below)

You must save your work at least **every 30 minutes**. The system will display a summary of your work, as follows. Click on the **HOME** link to return to the Home page. Click on the survey link to continue to work on your survey.

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	Juestion 9
Q	Question 10
Fo	or questions with multiple options you must select at least one of the options listed.
Р	Please go to the home page Home to continue or hit logout to finish.

At the bottom of the survey, you must check the box to indicate your certification of the provided information. **Please contact your primary Regional Center if you have questions about this certification**.

By checking this box, I certify that the information provided to the Department of Development Services ("DDS") is specific to the ABX2-1 rate increase amount received, under Welfare & Institutions Code, Section 4691.10, for the vendorization reported above during the service month of March 2017. Additionally, I certify that to the best of knowledge and belief, the information submitted to DDS is true and correct. I acknowledge and understand that the information reported is subject to verification by all record keeping and audit processes, procedures, and guidelines under the Lanterman Act and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations.

When all surveys have been completed, this will be indicated on the home page, as follows:

VendorID:Service Code	Estimate	Percent Complete				
HA0494:110	expand	100 %	Proceed To Survey			
HA0494:515	expand	100 %	Proceed To Survey			
. Other Portal Page Links						
Other Portal Page						

Contact Us – this page link provides contact information for OIG Compliance Now and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). There is a template that allows the user to email a message to OIGCN.

ABX Survey Helpdesk	Contact Us
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	Name
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	Email Address
	Email Address
	Message:
DDS Helpdesk	Message
(916) 654-2300	
vondersumov@dda.ea.gov	
vendorsurvey@dds.ca.gov	
	Submit

Home – Another link to the Home page.

Manual – This link opens the manual containing instructions for the service provider portal

Survey Questions - This link will display the survey questions so that they can be reviewed ahead of time.

Help - This dropdown link will take you to other links for the webinar, the webinar slides, and a help video.

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Logout - This link will log you out of your portal account and return you to the Login page

7. Conclusion

Thank you for your participation in this survey project. Please contact our Customer Service team if you have any questions regarding the portal and its functionality. For issues related to program participation and answering survey questions, you can contact your Regional Center or the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

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