

**UPDATE: CHANGE IN REGIONAL CENTER OF THE
EAST BAY'S ABILITY TO FUND DEDUCTIBLES FOR
SERVICES COVERED BY PRIVATE HEALTH
INSURANCE**

SB 856, the Trailer Bill to the State Budget relevant to developmental services, was signed into law by Governor Brown on June 20th, 2014. This law changes the Lanterman Act (California Welfare and Institutions Code). The restriction on funding health care service plan or health insurance policy deductibles has been removed and deductibles can be funded with the same restrictions as copayments and coinsurance. This change is effective on July 1, 2014.

Regional centers can now help with paying copayments, coinsurance, and/or deductibles for services pursuant to the IPP, or IFSP when the family or individual income is below 400% of the federal poverty level. Please see the chart available on our website (www.rceb.org) so you can find out what this means based on your family size. The law allows for some exceptions for people who have faced catastrophic or extraordinary circumstances and those with extraordinary medical expenses.

RCEB needs information on family or individual income before we know if we can help with copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles. We need to find out if your income is above or below 400% of the federal poverty level. We also need information on your insurance policy.

Please contact your case manager for information on what documents are required.