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Congratulations! The Department of Developmental Services (Department) is pleased to inform you that you have been selected to participate in the Self-Determination Program (SDP). You can confirm your selection on the Department's website at www.dds.ca.gov/SDPverification and search the database using your Unique Client Identifier (UCI) number.

Self-determination in California began almost twenty years ago as a small pilot project in select areas of the state, with the intention of eventually expanding the program statewide. Many have eagerly awaited the possibilities and opportunities this program will provide for those who receive regional center services.

Since fall of 2017, SDP information sessions were held as a requirement to be considered for a random selection by the Department. As a result, there were over 9,000 individuals interested in an opportunity to consider self-determination as an alternative to traditional regional center services.

As a selected participant, you are not required to sign up for SDP, but you have the opportunity to start the enrollment process by attending an orientation at your regional center as early as January 2019. During orientation, you will receive important tools and information to help you start the program. In the meantime, prepare for orientation by thinking about how you want to live your life; what are your hopes and dreams? Details and updates on the implementation of SDP is available by visiting www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/SDPUpdates.cfm.

Your regional center will provide you with information regarding orientation meetings and the local self-determination advisory committee, which is another source for information. You can direct any questions regarding this letter to sdp@dds.ca.gov.

Again, congratulations on being selected for the opportunity to participate in the Self-Determination Program.

Sincerely,

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