

changes

in

NEW BUDGETS



Alta California
Regional Center

Self Determination Program clients preparing for their new spending plan years might notice a change in their new year budget. There are a few reasons that it may change.

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"Individual budget" means the amount of regional center purchase of service funding available to the participant for the purchase of services and supports necessary to implement the IPP. The individual budget shall be determined using a fair, equitable, and transparent methodology.

The budget is developed every 12 months and can change due to participant's circumstances, needs, or resources that would result in an increase or decrease.

REASONS FOR INCREASE

- Change in circumstances resulting in a need to increase client's support
- Increase in provider rates
- Loss or decrease of generic resources
- New unmet need is assessed



REASONS FOR DECREASE

- Client has made progress to increase independence, resulting in less support needs to achieve IPP goals
- Previously funded services were not utilized on the spending plan in the past year and funds were allocated to a different service/goal
- New approval or increase of generic resources
 - ACRC cannot duplicate services
- Previous budget included a one-time purchase
 - Ex: Durable Medical Equipment, training, etc.
- Previously assessed service is no longer appropriate