



**MEMORANDUM  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE  
County of Placer**

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: October 23, 2018

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: "Safely Out" Emergency Kits

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Receive update on the "Safely Out" pilot project with In Home Supportive Services recipients.

**BACKGROUND**

The Adult System of Care (ASOC) took advantage of an opportunity in 2017 to purchase and pilot "Safely Out" emergency kits to enhance our emergency preparedness plan for In Home Supportive Service (IHSS) Recipients. These kits, produced by Citizen Voice, assist first responders with quick notification if a vulnerable person needs help or has been evacuated during a disaster. Recipients of this kit will fill out and place large placards on their front doors or in windows in emergency situations including natural or manmade disasters. In addition, they will fill out information meant to keep them safe and accounted for to place in their refrigerator and provide to friends and neighbors- giving additional mechanisms to aid in disasters such as fire, flooding, and other situations requiring evacuation.

The IHSS population was ideal to pilot such an approach for many reasons. This vulnerable group of aged, blind, and disabled individuals who are receiving in-home care may have additional challenges in an emergency situation. In addition, they each have a care provider who can assist in filling out the information to keep them safe and accounted for in an emergency.

Currently Placer County has approximately 3,250 residents who receive IHSS services. In preparation for fire season, kits were distributed to vulnerable residents first. To date, IHSS has distributed about 75% of the 3,000 kits.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact.

