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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
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SUBJECT: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) COUNTY POPULATION

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 5892 (h)
MHSUDS IN NO. 18-033

This Information Notice is to inform counties of the data that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will utilize to determine a county's population for the purposes of determining reversion of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds distributed to a county in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20.

Background

Welfare and Institutions Code section 5892(h) requires MHSA funds distributed to a county to revert to the Mental Health Services Fund if the county has not spent the funds within a specified period-of-time (i.e., reversion period). The reversion period depends upon the county's population and the program component.

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[MHSUDS IN No: 18-033](#) details the reversion period for funds distributed to a county with a population of 200,000 or more and for a county with a population of less than 200,000.

County population

To determine the county population, DHCS utilizes Department of Finance county population estimates data as of January 1 as reported in [State of California, Department of Finance, E-1. Cities, Counties and the State Population Estimates with Annual Percentage Change](#). For example, DHCS will use the January 1, 2019, estimate to determine the county population size and reversion period for funds distributed in FY 2019-20.

The City of Berkeley population data is extracted from within Alameda County. Tri-City population data is extracted from within Los Angeles County and includes the population from Claremont, La Verne and Pomona. Alameda County and Los Angeles County population has been decreased to account for City of Berkeley and Tri-City populations.

Enclosure 1, Population Estimates, January 1, 2019, is provided to assist counties with determining the population size for FY 2019-20.

Please send any questions regarding this Information Notice to MHSA@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Marlies Perez, Chief
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Enclosure