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TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
California Opioid Maintenance Providers
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations
County Behavioral Health Directors
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Regional Average Rates for Non-Contract Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020

PURPOSE:

This Behavioral Health Information Notice provides reimbursement rates for Medi-Cal hospitals that provide acute psychiatric inpatient services but do not have existing contracts with any Mental Health Plan.

Per California Code of Regulations Title 9, Section 1820.115, the Department of Health Care Services shall determine the reimbursement rates for acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services for each Fee-for-Service (FFS)/Medi-Cal hospital that does not have an existing contract with any Mental Health Plan.

The per diem rate by accommodation code shall equal the weighted average of the per diem rates by accommodation code negotiated for all FFS/Medi-Cal hospitals within the five Rate Regions as defined in the regulations where the non-negotiated rate FFS/Medi-Cal hospital is located. If there are no FFS/Medi-Cal hospitals with negotiated rates by accommodation code within the Rate Region, the weighted average per diem rates by accommodation code negotiated for all FFS/Medi-Cal hospitals statewide are used.

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The per diem rates include routine and all hospital-based ancillary services, but exclude professional services. Enclosed is the table displaying the regional average non-contract rates for FY 2019-2020.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact MEDCCC@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure