



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



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DATE: August 12, 2022

Behavioral Health Information Notice No.: 22-044

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 Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
California Hospital Association
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: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Program Review

PURPOSE: This Behavioral Health Information Notice informs the counties of the MHSA Annual Program review process for calendar year 2023

REFERENCE: [Behavioral Health Information Notice No.: 19-042](#); Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) sections 5897(d), 5897(e), and 5655.

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to W&I Code section 5897(d), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is required to conduct program reviews of performance contracts to determine compliance. Each county's performance contract shall be reviewed at least once every three years.

POLICY: DHCS will begin the 2023 cycle of program reviews of county MHSA programs and services in January 2023. The review schedule for calendar year 2023 is enclosed with this notice. The county will be notified approximately 100 days in advance of the program review. DHCS will conduct a desk review based on the counties' submitted documents prior to conducting an on-site review with the county. The program review may consist of discussions with county staff/leadership, service providers, program visits, chart documentation, client meetings, and housing visits (if applicable).

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DHCS will provide a Performance Review (PR) report after the county program review which includes a description of any finding(s), recommendation(s), suggested improvements, and any required Plan of Correction (POC).

If the County disagrees with a finding listed on the PR report they have 15 business days to respond by contacting DHCS at MHSA@dhcs.ca.gov.

A POC is required for all findings and must be submitted to MHSA@dhcs.ca.gov within 60 calendar days of receipt of the PR report. DHCS will review the POC. If DHCS determines the POC is insufficient, the county shall propose an alternative corrective action plan to DHCS. The County should not submit a POC prior to receiving the PR report.

DHCS will post on the website any POC's requested and the related findings, pursuant to W&I Code section 5897(e). DHCS may withhold funds from any county that fails to comply with any provision of the Performance Contract, pursuant to W&I section 5655.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Marlies Perez, Chief
Community Services Division

Enclosure

MHSA PROGRAM REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR 2023

County	Review Period
Butte	January 31-February 2, 2023
Merced	January 31-February 2, 2023
Sonoma	February 28-March 2, 2023
San Francisco	February 28-March 2, 2023
Monterey	March 27-29, 2023
Stanislaus	March 27-29, 2023
Alameda	April 25-27, 2023
Nevada	April 25-27, 2023
Marin	May 23-25, 2023
Amador	May 23-25, 2023
Calaveras	June 27-29, 2023
Santa Barbara	June 27-29, 2023
Humboldt	July 25-27, 2023
Contra Costa	July 25-27, 2023
Tehama	August 22-24, 2023
Tuolumne	August 22-24, 2023
Ventura	September 26-28, 2023
San Benito	September 26-28, 2023
San Mateo	October 24-26, 2023
Shasta	October 24-26, 2023