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Department of Health Care Services



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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 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: Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) peer support services implementation fiscal plan guide

PURPOSE: To provide guidance for DMC-ODS counties to establish peer support services rates.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Senate Bill 803 (Beall, Chapter 150, Statutes of 2020) the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will seek approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement peer support services within the DMC-ODS. This letter transmits the instructions and template for submitting county fiscal plans.

To allow for peer support services to go live for DMC-ODS counties on January 1, 2022 (pending CMS approval), the peer support services rate setting process invites counties to submit rates outside the rate setting process that normally occurs annually in late winter/early spring. Counties will need to submit DMC-ODS rates by September 30, 2021 to ensure the ability to bill for Medi-Cal peer support services on January 1, 2022 (pending CMS approval). DHCS is unable to guarantee a January 1, 2022 start date for DMC-ODS rates submitted past this deadline. However, counties may choose to submit DMC-ODS rates at any time and DHCS will enable the service as soon as possible.

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If you have any questions regarding the submission of your county DMC-ODS Waiver Fiscal Plan, contact BHFSOps@dhcs.ca.gov. Counties can submit their Fiscal Plan to the Behavioral Health Financing Section, Operations Unit at BHFSOps@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment