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SUBJECT: Annual County Compliance Report

Dear Director Ortiz:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is responsible for monitoring compliance to the requirements of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver and the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement operated by Tulare County.

The County Compliance Unit (CCU) within the Audits and Investigations Division (A&I) of DHCS conducted a review of the County's compliance with contract requirements based on responses to the monitoring instrument, discussion with county staff, and supporting documentation provided by the County.

Enclosed are the results of Tulare County's State Fiscal Year 2019-20 DMC-ODS compliance review. The report identifies deficiencies, required corrective actions, new requirements, advisory recommendations, and referrals for technical assistance.

Tulare County is required to submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) addressing each compliance deficiency (CD) noted to the Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Division (MCBHD), Plan and Network Monitoring Branch (PNMB), County Monitoring Unit (CMU) Analyst by 6/26/2020. Please use enclosed CAP plan form when completing the CAP. CAP and supporting documentation to be e-mailed to the CMU analyst at MCBHDMonitoring@dhcs.ca.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this report or need assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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REVIEW SCOPE

- I. Regulations:
 - a. Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) for California's Medi-Cal 2020 section 1115(a) Medicaid Demonstration STC, Part X: Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System
 - b. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Chapter IV, Subchapter C, Part 438; section 438.1 through 438.930: Managed Care

- II. Program Requirements:
 - a. State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019-20 Intergovernmental Agreement (IA)
 - b. Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Services (MHSUDS) Information Notices

SUMMARY OF SFY 2019-20 COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES (CD)

Section:	Number of CD's:
1.0 Administration	2
2.0 Member Services	0
3.0 Service Provisions	0
4.0 Access	0
5.0 Coordination of Care	0
6.0 Monitoring	2
7.0 Program Integrity	4
8.0 Compliance	1

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part II, Section EE, 2 each CD identified must be addressed via a CAP. The CAP is due within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this monitoring report. Advisory Recommendations (AR) are not required to be addressed in the CAP.

Please provide the following within the completed SFY 2019-20 CAP:

- a) A statement of the CD.
- b) A list of action steps to be taken to correct the CD.
- c) A date of completion for each CD.
- d) The name of the person who will be responsible for corrections and ongoing compliance.

The CMU liaison will monitor progress of the CAP completion.

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

A review of the administrative trainings, policies, and procedures was conducted to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and standards. The following deficiencies in administration requirements were identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 1.1:

Intergovernmental Agreement Exhibit A, Attachment I, III, A, 1, iv-v

- iv. Physicians shall receive a minimum of five hours of continuing medical education related to addiction medicine each year.
- v. Professional staff (LPHAs) shall receive a minimum of five (5) hours of continuing education related to addiction medicine each year.

Finding: The Plan did not provide Central Valley Recovery Services DMC # 54BK's Medical Directors 5 hours of continuing medical education in addiction medicine annually as required.

CD 1.6:

Intergovernmental Agreement Exhibit A, Attachment I, 5, i, a, i-ii

- i. The Contractor shall follow the state's established uniform credentialing and re-credentialing policy that addresses behavioral and substance use disorders, outlined in DHCS Information Notice 18-019.
- ii. The Contractor shall follow a documented process for credentialing and re-credentialing of network providers.

MHSUDS Information Notice: 18-019

Attestation: For all network providers who deliver covered services, each provider's application to contract with the Plan must include a signed and dated statement attesting to the following:

1. Any limitations or inabilities that affect the provider's ability to perform any of the position's essential functions, with or without accommodation;
2. A history of loss of license or felony conviction;
3. A history of loss or limitation of privileges or disciplinary activity;
4. A lack of present illegal drug use; and
5. The application's accuracy and completeness

Finding: The Plan did not provide signed copies of credentialing attestations from three (3) of the Plan's network providers.

6.0 MONITORING

The following deficiencies in monitoring were identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 6.25:

Intergovernmental Agreement Exhibit A, Attachment I, III, OO, 1, i, d

1. Monitoring

- i. Contractor's performance under this Exhibit A, Attachment I, shall be monitored by DHCS annually during the term is the Agreement. Monitoring criteria shall include, but not be limited to:
 - d. Contractor shall conduct annual onsite monitoring reviews of services and subcontracted services for programmatic and fiscal requirements. Contractor shall submit copy of their monitoring and audit reports to DHCS within two weeks of issuance. Reports should be sent by secure, encrypted e-mail to:
sudcountyreports@dhcs.ca.gov

Alternatively, mail to:

Department of Health Care Services
Audits and Investigations Division
Medical Review Branch
Behavioral Health Compliance Section
County Compliance Unit
1500 Capitol Ave., MS 2305
Sacramento, CA 95814

Finding: The Plan indicated 18 DMC-ODS monitoring reports were sent to DHCS for SFY 2018-19. The Plan did monitor 15 of 18 Plan and sub-contracted providers for DMC-ODS programmatic and fiscal requirements. The reports were submitted securely and encrypted within two weeks of issuance. Tulare County did not submit programmatic or fiscal monitoring for Aegis.

CD 6.26

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Department of Health Care Services
SUD - Program, Policy and Fiscal Division
Performance & Integrity Branch
PO Box 997413, MS-2627
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Finding: The Plan indicated 22 DMC-ODS monitoring reports were sent to DHCS for SFY 2018-19. The Plan did not submit fiscal reviews for Central Valley Recovery Services or Turning Point. The Plan did monitor 20 of 22 Plan and sub-contracted providers for DMC-ODS programmatic and fiscal requirements. The reports were submitted securely and encrypted within two weeks of issuance.

7.0 PROGRAM INTEGRITY

The following deficiencies in quality regulations, standards, or protocol requirements were identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 7.43:

Intergovernmental Agreement Exhibit A, Attachment I, II, H, 5, v, c

- v. Treatment of recoveries made by the Contractor of overpayments to providers.
 - c. The Contractor shall annually report to the Department on their recoveries of overpayments.

MHSUDS Information Notice 19-022

Consistent with Exhibit A, Attachment I of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IA), DMC-ODS counties must submit a completed and signed certification statement on county letterhead to ODSSubmissions@dhcs.ca.gov. The certification is required with each submission of the following data, documentation, and information:

- Annual report of overpayment recoveries;

The certification statement must be on county letterhead and conform to the following requirements:

- Indicate the current month during which all data, information, and documentation submitted to DHCS, as described above, is certified;
- Reference, with specificity, all types of data, information, and documentation described in the bulleted list above; and
- State that the data, information, and documentation to which the certification statement applies is “accurate, complete, and truthful” to the declarant’s “best information, knowledge, and belief.”

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), or an individual who reports to the CEO or CFO with the delegated authority to sign for the CEO or CFO, so that the CEO or CFO is ultimately responsible for the certification, must sign the certification statement. The attached DMC-ODS County Certification template includes the requirements described above.

Finding: The Plan does not ensure overpayments are properly communicated to DHCS.

CD 7.44:

Intergovernmental Agreement Exhibit A, Attachment I, III, PP, 6, i-ii

- i. The SUD Medical Director's responsibilities shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:
 - a) Ensure that medical care provided by physicians, registered nurse practitioners, and physician assistants meets the applicable standard of care.
 - b) Ensure that physicians do not delegate their duties to non-physician personnel.
 - c) Develop and implement written medical policies and standards for the provider.
 - d) Ensure that physicians, registered nurse practitioners, and physician assistants follow the provider's medical policies and standards.
 - e) Ensure that the medical decisions made by physicians are not influenced by fiscal considerations.
 - f) Ensure that provider's physicians and LPHAs are adequately trained to perform diagnosis of substance use disorders for beneficiaries, and determine the medical necessity of treatment for beneficiaries.
 - g. Ensure that provider's physicians are adequately trained to perform other physician duties, as outlined in this section.
- II. The SUD Medical Director may delegate his/her responsibilities to a physician consistent with the provider's medical policies and standards; however, the SUD Medical Director shall remain responsible for ensuring all delegated duties are properly performed.

Finding: The Plan did not submit evidence of the written roles and responsibilities of the Medical Director from the following network providers: Kings View Corporation DMC # 5476.

CD 7.45:

Intergovernmental Agreement Exhibit A, Attachment I, III, PP, 7, iii, a-i

- iii. Written provider code of conduct for employees and volunteers/interns shall be established which addresses at least the following:
 - a. Use of drugs and/or alcohol
 - b. Prohibition of social/business relationship with beneficiaries or their family members for personal gain
 - c. Prohibition of sexual contact with beneficiaries
 - d. Conflict of interest
 - e. Providing services beyond scope
 - f. Discrimination against beneficiaries or staff
 - g. Verbally, physically, or sexually harassing, threatening or abusing beneficiaries, family members or other staff
 - h. Protection of beneficiary confidentiality
 - i. Cooperate with complaint investigations

Intergovernmental Agreement Exhibit A, Attachment I, III, PP, 7, v

- v. Written roles and responsibilities and a code of conduct for the Medical Director shall be clearly documented, signed and dated by a provider representative and the physician.

Finding: The Plan does not ensure that SUD program Medical Directors have a signed Code of Conduct.

CD 7.46:

Intergovernmental Agreement Exhibit A, Attachment I, III, AA, 1-2 iv

1. In addition to complying with the subcontractual relationship requirements set forth in Article II E 8 of this Agreement, the Contractor shall ensure that all subcontracts require that the Contractor oversee and is held accountable for any functions and responsibilities that the Contractor delegates to any subcontractor.
2. Each subcontract shall:
 - iv. Ensure the Contractor monitors the subcontractor's performance on an ongoing basis and subject it to an annual onsite review, consistent with statutes, regulations, and Article III.PP.

Intergovernmental Agreement Exhibit A, Attachment I, III, FF, 4, i, c-f

- i. The CalOMS-Tx business rules and requirements are:
 - c. Electronic submission of CalOMS-Tx data shall be submitted by Contractor within 45 days from the end of the last day of the report month.
 - d. Contractor shall comply with data collection and reporting requirements established by the DHCS CalOMS-Tx Data Collection Guide (Document 3J) and all former Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs Bulletins and DHCS Information Notices relevant to CalOMS-Tx data collection and reporting requirements.
 - e. Contractor shall submit CalOMS-Tx admission, discharge, annual update, resubmissions of records containing errors or in need of correction, and "provider no activity" report records in an electronic format approved by DHCS.
 - f. Contractor shall comply with the CalOMS-Tx Data Compliance Standards established by DHCS identified in (Document 3S) for reporting data content, data quality, data completeness, reporting frequency, reporting deadlines, and reporting method.

Finding: The following CalOMS Tx report is non-compliant:

- Open Admissions Report

8.0 COMPLIANCE

The following program integrity deficiency in regulations, standards, or protocol requirements was identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCY:

CD 8.50

Intergovernmental Agreement Exhibit A, Attachment I, III, Y, 8, ii, v, a

- a. The Contractor agrees to cure transactions errors or deficiencies identified by DHCS, and transactions errors or deficiencies identified by an enrolled provider if the Contractor is acting as a clearinghouse for that provider. If the Contractor is a clearinghouse, the Contractor agrees to properly communicate deficiencies and other pertinent information regarding electronic transactions to enrolled providers for which they provide clearinghouse services.

Finding: The Plan has not resolved previous deficiencies identified by DHCS in SFY 18-19 CD 9.65 Medical Policies and Standards.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

DHCS's County Compliance Unit Analyst will make referrals to the DHCS County Monitoring Liaison for the training and technical assistance area identified below:

Quality Improvement: Technical Assistance for Tulare County Quality Improvement Monitoring Review tools.