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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF MEDI-CAL MANUAL FOR INTENSIVE CARE
COORDINATION (ICC), INTENSIVE HOME-BASED SERVICES
(IHBS) & THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE (TFC) FOR KATIE A.
SUBCLASS MEMBERS

REFERENCE: KATIE A. etc., et al, v. BONTA, etc., et al, CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Case No. CV-02-05662 AHM
[SHx]); United States Code (U.S.C.) 1396d.(r)

EXPIRES: Retain until superseded

The purpose of this Information Notice is to inform County Mental Health Plans (MHPs), County Child Welfare Agencies, and other stakeholders of the availability of two new documents as of March 1, 2013, The Medi-Cal Manual for Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS) and Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) for Katie A. Subclass Members and the Core Practice Model (CPM) Guide. We will implement TFC at a later date and amend the Manual and Guide to reflect information pertaining to TFC.

The Medi-Cal ICC/IHBS Manual and CPM Guide are a joint effort between the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California Department Social Services (CDSS) and are companion documents that will support the statewide implementation of the Core Practice Model and ICC and IHBS (and TFC at a later date). These documents may be found and downloaded at: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/KatieAImplementation.aspx> and www.cdss.ca.gov

Medi-Cal Manual for ICC, IHBS and TFC

The manual is organized into six main sections:

- 1) Chapter One provides the background and purpose of ICC and IHBS.
- 2) Chapter Two defines the Katie A. Subclass.
- 3) Chapter Three addresses the Core Practice Model.
- 4) Chapter Four provides a framework for the Child and Family Team (CFT).
- 5) Chapter Five outlines ICC, IHBS and TFC (to be added later).
- 6) Appendices provide additional background information including but not limited to, a Glossary; Service Description Chart for ICC, IHBS and TFC; Sample Progress Notes; Medical Necessity Criteria; etc.

Core Practice Model (CPM) Guide

The CPM guide is organized into four main sections:

- 1) Chapter One provides the background, purpose and context, and introduces the concept of an integrated system-wide practice model.
- 2) Chapter Two defines the practice model, the values, principles, foundational concepts, the strategy of teaming and integrated standards of practice and activities.
- 3) Chapter Three provides a framework for the adoption and implementation of the CPM.

Training and Additional Technical Assistance

DHCS and CDSS will coordinate orientation on the Medi-Cal Manual for Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS) & Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) For Katie A. Subclass Members and The Core Practice Model. Orientations are in the planning process and will occur in:

- Bay area (San Jose, April 17, 2013);
- Sacramento region (UC Davis, April 24, 2013);
- Central valley (Fresno, May 1, 2013);
- Northern California (Redding, May 22, 2103); and
- Southern California (Los Angeles, May 29, 2013, Anaheim, May 30, 2013, and Riverside - June 6, 2013).

These orientation sessions will include information about the Medi-Cal ICC and IHBS Manual and the CPM Guide.

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DHCS and CDSS will facilitate conference calls based on stakeholder need. The calls started on March 13, 2013, and occur weekly on Wednesday at 10:00 am. The conference number is 1-877-921-9924 and the Participant Code is 1446116#. (We will provide notice if the phone number changes) DHCS will also post Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/KatieAImplementation.aspx> starting May 1, 2013.

Please contact DHCS's Lawsuit Support Unit at (916) 650-6486 or KatieA@dhcs.ca.gov if you have any questions about this Information Notice and/or the Medi-Cal Manual or CPM Guide.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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