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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
AGENCIES
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBACCOUNT
ALLOCATIONS

REFERENCE: SENATE BILL (SB) 1020 (CHAPTER 40, STATUTES OF 2012)

EXPIRES: Retain until superseded

Senate Bill (SB) 1020 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2012) amended Section 30025 of the Government Code to create the Behavioral Health Subaccount within the Support Services Account of the Local Revenue Fund 2011. Section 30029.6 of the Government Code requires the State Controller's Office (SCO) to distribute funds in the Behavioral Health Subaccount to counties on a monthly or quarterly basis pursuant to a schedule provided by the Department of Finance (DOF) created in consultation with appropriate State agencies and the California State Association of Counties. Funds distributed to counties from the Behavioral Health Subaccount can only be used to provide Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), including the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, and the following substance use disorder programs: Drug Medi-Cal, non-Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse treatment programs, drug court operations and services, and perinatal drug services and treatment.

The DOF transmitted a schedule to SCO on September 22, 2014, for the purpose of distributing funds to the counties from the Behavioral Health Subaccount for Fiscal Year 2014-15. The updated allocation schedule was effective with the September 2014 distribution. Please note that the Medi-Cal SMHS program, including the EPSDT benefit, and the Drug Medi-Cal program are federal entitlements. Counties are required to provide all SMHS and Drug Medi-Cal services to which Medi-Cal beneficiaries are

entitled without caps. This Information Notice describes how the allocation schedule to distribute funds from the Behavioral Health Subaccount in Fiscal Year 2014-15 was developed.

Enclosure 1 displays the data used by DOF to develop the allocation schedule. Column A reflects the total amount distributed to each county from the Behavioral Health Subaccount in Fiscal Year 2013-14.¹ By starting with the amount distributed to each county in Fiscal Year 2013-14, the allocation schedule ensures that each county will receive at least as much as it received in the prior year. Column B reflects the total amount distributed to each county from the Behavioral Health Services Growth Special Account in Fiscal Year 2012-13.² Column C reflects the non-federal share of approved Fiscal Year 2012-13 Drug Medi-Cal claims that were used in developing the Fiscal Year 2013-14 allocation schedule for the Behavioral Health Subaccount.³ Column D is equal to the \$100,000 less Column C. This ensures that all counties receive at least \$100,000 to provide DMC services

For any questions regarding this Information Notice, please contact Charles Anders, Acting Chief, Fiscal Management and Outcomes Reporting Branch, Mental Health Services Division, at Charles.Anders@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

¹ Please click on the [hyperlink](#) to view the source of data for Column A.

² Please click on the [hyperlink](#) to view the source of data for Column B.

³ The source of data for Column C comes from Column A of Enclosure 4 to MHSUDS Information Notice 14-016. Please click on the [hyperlink](#) to view the source of data for Column C.