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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
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Subject: Substance Use Disorder Primary Prevention Data Collection and Reporting Service

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Program, Policy and Fiscal Division (PPFD), Policy and Prevention Branch (PPB) developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a contractor to provide a SUD primary prevention data collection and reporting service compatible with the reporting requirements of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The new service will replace the expiring contract for the California Outcome Measurement Service for Prevention (CalOMS Pv).

Due to necessary terms and conditions specific to cloud computing and software as a service requirements, PPB canceled the current RFP and created a new RFP. As a result, the new SUD data collection and reporting service will not “go live” on July 1, 2017, as was previously planned.

The current project plan targets October 1, 2017, as the “go live” date for the new data collection and reporting service. PPB has planned five months for the implementation process which includes time to set-up, configure, test, train, provide documentation, and create a county pilot workgroup.

To minimize confusion, DHCS analysts will use a systematic process to guide and coach each county to transition from the current CalOMS PV to the new data collection and reporting service. Starting July 1, 2017, and continuing through September 30, 2017, each county will continue to collect prevention data in the same manner as is currently used. However, the data collected during this time will not be entered into either the existing CalOMS Pv or the new data collection and reporting service. Instead, the data will be held until October 1, 2017, and will be entered into the new service when it goes “live”.

The new data collection and reporting service is required to ensure data quality standards are met. This will empower DHCS and all counties to access and use the collected data to satisfy their respective data collection requirements. To help achieve this goal, during the July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, transition period, DHCS analysts will make available sample data collection templates and will work individually with each county to ensure the accuracy of the planned set-up for objectives, programs, groups, and other appropriate service information. Counties can choose to use or not use the sample templates. The benefit of using the templates is the opportunity to work cooperatively with DHCS analysts to organize county and provider prevention data in a manner that will simplify the initial data entry and set-up in the new service.

Because data collection will continue as usual, DHCS expects the transition period will not impact counties from an auditing or monitoring perspective. The DHCS SUD-PPFD Performance Management Branch has been notified of the need to delay data entry in the new data collection and reporting service. The deadline to enter FY 2017-2018 first quarter data will be extended to December 31, 2017.

If you have questions regarding this information, contact Denise Galvez, Chief, SUD-PPFD, PPB. She can be reached at (916) 327-2749 or via email at denise.galvez@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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