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

SUBJECT: DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY
SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

In August 2015, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver. Counties interested in participating in the DMC-ODS Waiver are required to submit a DMC-ODS Implementation Plan (IP) to DHCS for approval. The IP will be used to assess the county's readiness to implement the DMC-ODS, and will demonstrate how the county will have the capacity, access, and network adequacy required for participation in the Waiver.

The purpose of this Information Notice is to alert counties that the FINAL deadline to submit a DMC-ODS IP to DHCS is September 1, 2017. This applies to ALL counties in implementation phases I, II, III, and IV. This also applies to any extension requests for implementation phase flexibility. Attachment I shows which counties were assigned to the various DMC-ODS phases of implementation. Counties that are unable to meet their phase deadline may request an extension. However, extensions will not be granted beyond September 1, 2017. If your county plans to participate in the DMC-ODS Waiver, please submit an IP to DHCS by September 1, 2017.

The submission of an IP is the first step towards DMC-ODS Waiver implementation. The September 1, 2017 deadline ensures that counties and DHCS have adequate time to work through all the necessary steps prior to implementation. For more information about the steps that must be completed prior to implementation, please see the DMC-ODS Implementation Matrix posted to the DHCS website at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/DMC_ODS_IP_Matrix_Sep_2016.pdf.

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Please submit implementation plans via email to Marlies Perez at Marlies.Perez@dhcs.ca.gov. If you have any questions regarding the submission of an IP, or would like to request an extension not to exceed September 1, 2017, please contact Marlies Perez directly.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Karen Baylor, Ph.D., LMFT, Deputy Director
Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services

Attachment

Attachment I

DMC-ODS Phases of Implementation		
Phase I	<u>Deadline:</u> April 1, 2017	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma
Phase II	<u>Deadline:</u> May 1, 2017	Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura
Phase III	<u>Deadline:</u> June 1, 2017	Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kings, Madera, Merced, Mono, Placer, Sacramento, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba
Phase IV	<u>Deadline:</u> September 1, 2017	Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity
Phase V	<u>Deadline:</u> TBD	Tribal Partners