

Attachment E

Sample Correspondence to Dependency Attorneys

Dear (Dependency Attorney):

On May 10, 2001, a judgment and permanent injunction in Emily Q. v. Bontá (C.D.Cal., 2001, CV 98-4181 AHM (AIJx)) was issued. This lawsuit pertains to the responsibility of county Mental Health Plans (MHPs) to determine the need for, ensure access to and provide or arrange for the provision of Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) as an Medi-Cal Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) supplemental specialty mental health service. TBS is available for full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under 21 years of age, who meet MHP medical necessity criteria, are a member of the certified class and meet the service-specific criteria for TBS established by the State.

The permanent injunction includes a requirement that MHPs provide notices regarding EPSDT mental health services in general and TBS in particular to all dependency attorneys who represent beneficiaries in dependency proceedings. For your information, therefore, we are enclosing two brochures. The first brochure describes EPSDT services in general and the second describes TBS. If you have any questions about these documents or the services described, please contact (name and title) at (telephone number).

Sincerely,

MHP Representative

Title

Enclosures