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# Mental Health

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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: FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 MAXIMUM RATE LIMITS FOR  
SHORT-DOYLE/MEDI-CAL SERVICES

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has established maximum reimbursement rates for Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) services as required by Welfare & Institutions Code (W&IC) Section 5720(a) and (b). These Statewide Maximum Allowances (SMA) will apply to all SD/MC eligible services by service function, for the time period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Please be advised that since the Hospital Administrative Day rate is set by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), with an effective date of August 1 through July 31, only the rate for the period of July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 is reflected in the enclosed SMA rate schedule.

Once DMH receives notification from DHCS of the Hospital Administrative Day rate for the period of August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009, a revised SMA rate schedule will be published and made available for download through the DMH Information Technology Web Site (ITWS).

A schedule of the established SMA rates reflecting all services for FY 2008-09 is enclosed.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Geremi Matsunami, Acting Chief, Local Program Financial Support, at (916) 654-2055.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Director  
Enclosure