



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
**Mental Health**

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DMH INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 11-07

TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS  
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: THRESHOLD LANGUAGES

SUPERSEDES: DMH INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 10-07

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has updated the threshold language data reports. These reports are provided to all counties on an annual basis. Attached are the reports for each county for fiscal year 2009-2010. Counties are required to comply with all threshold language requirements contained in Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 1810.410 and Cultural Competence Plan (CCP) requirements contained in DMH Information Notices No. 10-02 and 10-17.

“Threshold Language” means a language that has been identified as the primary language, as indicated on the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS), of 3,000 beneficiaries or five percent of the beneficiary population, whichever is lower, in an identified geographic area, per Title 9, CCR, Section 1810.410 (a) (3).

Questions regarding how threshold languages are determined should be directed to Terry MacRae of the Data Management & Analysis unit at (916) 657-3530. Questions regarding threshold language CCP requirements should be directed to Kimberly Knifong of the Office of Multicultural Services at (916) 653-0767.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Cliff Allenby  
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Enclosures

CC: Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission  
Oversight and Accountability Commission Chair of Cultural and Linguistic Competency  
Committee  
California Mental Health Planning Council  
County Mental Health Directors Association  
Cultural Competence/Ethnic Services Managers