

## **FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **UPDATE OF THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

As authorized by Government Code Section 11346.9(d), the Department of Health Care Services (Department) incorporates by reference the Initial Statement of Reasons prepared for this rulemaking.

No changes were made to the regulations nor were changes necessary to the Initial Statement of Reasons, following the 45-day public comment period.

### **LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION**

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations would not impose a new mandate on local agencies or school districts, nor are there any costs for which reimbursement is required by Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Department has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by the Department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which this regulatory action was taken, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the regulatory action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. The Department is required, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14021.5, to establish reimbursement rates for substance abuse services under the Medi-Cal Program. Including these reimbursement rates in regulation is not only necessary for statutory compliance, but it provides Drug Medi-Cal service providers with convenient access to these rates of reimbursement.

### **SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

No comments were received during the public comment period, which commenced on October 18, 2013, and ended on December 4, 2013. A public hearing was not requested.