



JENNIFER KENT
DIRECTOR

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
GOVERNOR

DATE: May 9, 2017

MHSUDS INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 17-017

TO: COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALCOHOL AND/OR OTHER DRUG PROGRAMS LICENSED AND/OR
CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF
CALIFORNIA

SUBJECT: Alcohol and/or Other Drug Program Certification Standards

In accordance with the authority granted to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) by Health and Safety Code Section 11830.1, DHCS has revised the Alcohol and/or Other Drug (AOD) Program Certification Standards.

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all substance use disorder (SUD) programs licensed and/or certified by DHCS that these AOD Program Certification Standards (revised May 1, 2017) replace the previous AOD Program Certification Standards (revised March 15, 2004).

These Standards have four primary purposes:

1. To ensure that an acceptable level of service quality is being provided to program clients.
2. To encourage a variety of fiscal supports for quality alcohol and/or other drug services.
3. To provide the basis for certification of alcohol and/or other drug programs.
4. To contribute to the development of quality alcohol and/or other drug programs.

These Standards will become effective on November 1, 2017. All SUD programs seeking initial DHCS certification are required to meet these Standards. DHCS certified programs that are currently certified shall have until November 1, 2017, to comply with these Standards.

MHSUDS INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 17-017
May 9, 2017
Page 2

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

If you have questions regarding this Information Notice, please contact the SUD Compliance Division at (916) 322-2911. This Information Notice is available on the DHCS Web page at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/2017-MHSUDS-Information-Notices.aspx>.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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

Enclosure