

## DHCS Responses to Follow-Up Items from July 19, 2017

Agenda Item/Topic	DHCS Response	DHCS Follow-Up
<p><b>State Budget Update:</b>  <i>Linda Nguy, Western Center on Law and Poverty:</i> Has the application for Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) been submitted?</p>	<p><i>Mari Cantwell, DHCS:</i> We have had conversations and are in process with the Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS). It is not clear we need to send anything and hope to get this done quickly. We will follow up with specifics.</p>	<p>The application for MEC was submitted to the Health Insurance Oversight System (HIOS) on September 28, 2017. On September 29, 2017, the HIOS acknowledged receipt and informed DHCS that they would begin the review process. The approved application will be posted on the California State Plan website.</p>
<p><b>State Budget Update:</b>  <i>Marty Lynch, LifeLong Medical Care:</i> Is there a written description of the Proposition 56 plan?</p>		<p>The full text of Proposition 56 can be found on the California Legislative Information web page:  <a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=RTC&amp;division=2.&amp;title=&amp;part=13.&amp;chapter=2.&amp;article=2.5">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=RTC&amp;division=2.&amp;title=&amp;part=13.&amp;chapter=2.&amp;article=2.5</a>.</p>
<p><b>State Budget Update:</b>  <i>Chris Perrone, California HealthCare Foundation:</i> Is the physician payment information already on DHCS website?</p>	<p><i>Mari Cantwell, DHCS:</i> It is listed with proposed SPA and public notices listed with codes.</p> <p><i>Adam Weintraub, DHCS:</i> On the DHCS web page listing all the SPAs, there are four on Prop 56 grouped together.</p>	<p>This DHCS web page lists all proposed State Plan Amendments (SPA), including the four SPAs relating to Proposition 56:  <a href="http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pro_SPA.aspx">http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pro_SPA.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Managed Care Final Rule:</b>  <i>Kim Lewis, National Health Law Program:</i> On the appeals process, the requirements in the APL will apply to Mental Health Plans, yet there is no guidance out to them on the obligations and there is no formal effort to be sure they are complying, other than contracts which has not been sufficient from our point of view. Will more be sent out?</p>	<p><i>Mari Cantwell, DHCS:</i> We will follow up with information on this.</p>	<p>On October 2, 2017, DHCS submitted the State Compliance Plan to CMS to demonstrate compliance with the Medicaid Mental Health Parity Rule. The Compliance Plan outlines DHCS' findings on the parity analysis and describes the State's efforts in coming into compliance with the Parity Rule. The Compliance Plan can be found on DHCS' website:  <a href="http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/Parity%20Compliance%20Plan%209.29.2017.pdf">http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/Parity Compliance Plan 9.29.2017.pdf</a></p>

<p><b>1115 Waiver Update:</b>  <i>Chris Perrone, California HealthCare Foundation:</i> Is there a way to identify other Public Hospital Redesign &amp; Incentives in Medi-Cal (PRIME) program participants doing telehealth?</p>	<p><i>Neal Kohatsu, M.D., DHCS:</i> We can provide that to you.</p>	<p><b>22 PRIME entities indicated they are using telehealth, telemedicine or a new type of telephone appointment as an intervention for one or more of their PRIME projects. This assessment was based on DY 11 and DY 12 PRIME reports submitted to DHCS by 54 entities. The list of PRIME entities participating in telehealth can be found on the PRIME web page:</b>  <a href="http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/PRIME/PRIME_Summary_of_Telehealth_final.pdf">http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/PRIME/PRIME_Summary_of_Telehealth_final.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>1115 Waiver Update</b>  <i>Emalie Hurliaux, Project Inform:</i> We are happy about his effort and want to highlight the requirement to offer HIV and Hepatitis C testing in the hub/spoke models. Are there opportunities to link opioid efforts in an integrated approach for the overlapping epidemic of HIV/Hepatitis C, given high rates of both?</p>	<p><i>Karen Baylor, DHCS:</i> That would be fabulous so it would be great to work together on these efforts.</p>	<p><b>DHCS has recently begun collaborating with Project Inform on opportunities to link opioid efforts in an integrated approach for the overlapping epidemic of HIV/Hepatitis C, including participating on a planning team for a February conference regarding HIV/Hepatitis C and opioids. Additionally, Project Inform is assisting in DHCS' California Hub and Spoke System learning collaborative, and will be participating in DHCS' upcoming Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP) meeting.</b></p>