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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: Addendum for Implementation Plan for Phase II Consolidation of Medi-Cal  
Specialty Mental Health Services -- Cultural Competence Plan  
Requirements

REFERENCE: Supersedes DMH Information Notice No. 97-14

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) is issuing the enclosed revised Addendum for Implementation Plan for Phase II Consolidation of Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services--Cultural Competence Plan Requirements. These Cultural Competence Plan Requirements (CCPR) have been revised as part of an ongoing effort to improve services and reduce disparities for multicultural/multilingual populations in California. The DMH Annual Review Protocol for Consolidated Specialty Mental Health Services and other Funded Services for 2002-03 has been revised to include a selected number of the new CCPR revised standards. Mental Health Plans are not required to resubmit new cultural competency plans but to respond to all new requirements and submit annual plan updates.

These requirements go into effect immediately; however, mental health plans will not be required to complete and submit their new population and organizational and service provider assessments until June 2003 when a full assessment is due. The department will be providing data support for population assessments.

Under separate letter, we will be issuing the instructions and form for the submission of an update on your current cultural competence plan. Two copies of this update will be due to the Technical Assistance unit by June 15, 2002. These updates will be for review only. This submission will cover plan activities since its initial effective date, but will not require population, and organizational and services provider assessment updates. DMH will require that the annual update due in June 2003 will include results of these assessments.



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If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your contract manager in the Technical Assistance and Training Unit below. Rachel Guerrero, Chief, Office of Multicultural Services is also available at (916) 654-2323.

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Enclosures

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