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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES  
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS  
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBACCOUNT ALLOCATIONS

REFERENCE: SENATE BILL (SB) 1020 (CHAPTER 40, STATUTES OF 2012)

EXPIRES: Retain until superseded

Senate Bill (SB) 1020 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2012) amended Section 30025 of the Government Code to create the Behavioral Health Subaccount within the Support Services Account of the Local Revenue Fund 2011. Section 30029.6 of the Government Code requires the State Controller's Office (SCO) to distribute funds in the Behavioral Health Subaccount to counties on a monthly or quarterly basis pursuant to a schedule provided by the Department of Finance (DOF) created in consultation with appropriate State agencies and the California State Association of Counties. Funds distributed to counties from the Behavioral Health Subaccount can only be used to provide Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), including the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, and the following substance use disorder programs: Drug Medi-Cal, non-Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse treatment programs, drug court operations and services, and perinatal drug services and treatment.

The DOF transmitted a schedule to SCO on September 22, 2014, for the purpose of distributing funds to the counties from the Behavioral Health Subaccount for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15. This allocation schedule was effective with the September 2015

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distribution. There is no change in the allocation schedule used to distribute funds from the Behavioral Health Subaccount in FY 2015-16. The same schedule that was used in FY 2014-15 will be used in FY 2015-16. [MHSUDS Information Notice 14-042](#) contains information on the data used by DOF to develop the allocation schedule for FY 2014-15. Please note that the Medi-Cal SMHS program, including the EPSDT benefit, and the Drug Medi-Cal program are federal entitlements. Counties are required to provide all SMHS and Drug Medi-Cal services to which Medi-Cal beneficiaries are entitled without caps.

For any questions regarding this Information Notice, please contact Moses Ndungu, Chief, Fiscal Policy Section, Fiscal Management and Outcomes Reporting Branch, Mental Health Services Division, at [Moses.Ndungu@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Moses.Ndungu@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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