

**Performance Outcomes System with an Open Child Welfare Case Report**  
**Report run on June 6, 2018**

**Background**

Three reports will be created during each new reporting period. The reports that will be produced are as follows: statewide-aggregate data, population-based county groupings, and county-specific reports where possible. These reports help meet the intent of the Legislature, as stated in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14707.5, to develop a performance outcomes system for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) mental health services that will improve outcomes at the individual, program, and system levels and inform fiscal decision-making related to the purchase of services. This reporting effort is part of the implementation of a performance outcomes system for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for children and youth.

Since 2012 DHCS has worked with several groups of stakeholders to create a structure for reporting, to develop the Performance Measurement Paradigm, and to develop indicators and measures. The Performance Outcomes System will be used to evaluate the domains of access, engagement, service appropriateness to need, service effectiveness, linkages, cost effectiveness and satisfaction. Further information on the Performance Measures System implementation is available on the DHCS website. Documents posted include the relevant legislation, plans submitted to the Legislature, and handouts for meetings with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee back to the first meeting in 2012. To obtain this information go to:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pos/Pages/default.aspx>

**Purpose and Overview**

This report provides updated information on the initial indicators that were developed for the Performance Outcomes System. DHCS plans to move to annual reporting of this data for the Performance Outcomes System.

The first series of charts and tables focus on the demographics of Foster Care case children and youth under 21 who are receiving SMHS' based on approved claims for Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries. Specifically, this includes demographics tables of this population by age, gender, and race/ethnicity. Penetration and engagement rate data are provided. Both penetration rates tables are also broken out by demographic characteristics. Utilization of services data are shown in terms of dollars, as well as by service, in time increments. The snapshot table provides a point-in-time view of children/youth arriving, exiting, and continuing services over a two-year period. The time to step down table provides a view over the past four years of the time to step-down services following inpatient discharge.

Where possible, the reports provide trend information by displaying information for four Fiscal Years (FY). A FY is from July 1st to June 30th. For all of the measures and indicators included in this report, the denominator is the "Unique Count of Children and Youth receiving SMHS" shown on page 3 of the report and is broken out by state FY.

Utilization of services reports are shown in terms of dollars, as well as by service in time increments. The final report provides a view over the past four years of the time to step-down services (i.e., time to next contact after an inpatient discharge). **Note:** *The time to step-down report has a change in methodology from the first report produced in February 2015. In the initial report only outpatient services provided at least one day after the inpatient discharge were included in the calculations. On subsequent reports any outpatient service that occurs on or after the inpatient discharge is included in the analysis.*

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**Definitions**

**Population:** Foster Care or Open Child Welfare beneficiaries with approved services adjudicated through the Short Doyle/Medi-Cal II claiming system that were:

- Age 20 or younger during the approved date of service on the claim.

**Data Sources:**

- Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal II (SD/MC II) claims with dates of service in FY 13/14 through FY 16/17.
- Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) data from the Management Information System/Decision Support System (MIS/DSS) FY 13/14 through FY16/17.
- Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) data for children in FY 13/14 through FY 16/17.

**Additional Information**

The **Measures Catalog** is the companion document for these reports and provides the methodology and definitions for the measures. Each measure is defined and the numerator and denominator used to develop the metrics are provided with relevant notes and additional references. The Measures Catalog may be found at: [http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/POS\\_MeasuresCatalog\\_Sept2016.pdf](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/POS_MeasuresCatalog_Sept2016.pdf)

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**Report Interpretation**

\*Population-based and county-specific report findings may be interpreted alongside the POS statewide report findings.

\***New Age Methodology** for Identifying Children under 21 (POS reports posted **after** 7/1/17): Beneficiaries that were under the age of 21 for the entire fiscal year (their age was less than 21 as of June 30th of the reported fiscal year).

\*The **penetration rates** reported here were calculated using a different methodology than that used by the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO). For the POS, the penetration rate is calculated by taking the total number of youth who received one or more SMHS’ in a FY and dividing that by the total number of Medi-Cal eligible youth for that FY. This methodology results in lower penetration rates as compared to the EQRO rates, but it does so across the board so that all counties and the state will be similarly impacted. Penetration rates provide a measure of initial contact with the specialty mental health system.

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\*The **engagement rates** are calculated similarly to penetration rates but are intended to measure ongoing engagement with the specialty mental health system. The engagement rate is calculated by taking the total number of youth who received five or more SMHS' in a FY and dividing that by the total number of Medi-Cal eligible youth for that FY.

\*The **snapshot** report provides a point-in-time look at children and youth's movement through the SMHS system. The report uses six general categories to classify if a youth is entering, exiting, continuing services, or a combination of these categories (e.g., arriving and exiting). Eventually the snapshot data will be used along with measures of service effectiveness to identify whether youth are improving as a result of receiving services from the time they first arrived in the system to when they exit the system. This methodology was adapted from the California Mental Health and Substance Use System Needs Assessment (2012). More information on the original methodology can be found here: [http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/POS\\_MeasuresCatalog\\_Sept2016.pdf](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/POS_MeasuresCatalog_Sept2016.pdf)

The psychiatric emergency services/hospital data reported on in the **time to step-down services** report includes data from Short Doyle/Medi-Cal II claims data and fee-for-service data. In the future this report will incorporate other outpatient and inpatient Medi-Cal SMHS' billed through the Managed Care healthcare delivery systems. Currently, the number of days is capped at 365 days (to mitigate the impact of extreme statistical anomalies) when calculating the mean and max for time between discharge and step down service. This methodology will be updated in the next reporting cycle. Additionally, county specific and population-based reports are based off of the beneficiary's county of Medi-Cal responsibility during the eligibility month when the inpatient service occurred.

\***Data Source Methodology:** Demographic & Penetration and Snapshot - based on MEDS data; Utilization - based on Claims Submission data; Time to step-down - based on Inpatient Hospital data.

\***Open Child Welfare:** Children/youth who are provided child welfare services either while living in their home, or while living out-of-home in a foster care setting. Excludes children: placed in California under the jurisdiction of another state (incoming interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)) and who are placed with non-dependent guardians.

\***Foster Care Placement:** Children/youth who are removed from their home by a child placement agency, including county child welfare services and probation departments and placed in a foster care setting. Excludes children: placed in California under the jurisdiction of another state (incoming interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)) and who are placed with non-dependent legal guardians.

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**Demographics Report: Unique Count of Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case Receiving SMHS by Fiscal Year  
Large Sized Counties as of June 6, 2018**

<b>SFY</b>	<b>Unique Count Receiving SMHS*</b>	<b>Year-Over-Year Percentage Change</b>	<b>Unique Count of Open Child Welfare Youth in Medi-Cal</b>	<b>Year-Over-Year Percentage Change</b>
<b>FY 13-14</b>	20,659		55,621	
<b>FY 14-15</b>	22,032	6.6%	56,426	1.4%
<b>FY 15-16</b>	22,042	0.0%	55,149	-2.3%
<b>FY 16-17</b>	20,763	-5.8%	52,261	-5.2%
<b>Compound Annual Growth Rate SFY**</b>		<b>0.2%</b>		<b>-2.1%</b>

*\*SMHS = Specialty Mental Health Services. See Measures Catalog for more detailed information.*

*\*\*SFY = State Fiscal Year which is July 1 through June 30.*

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<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Black Count</b>	<b>Black %</b>	<b>Hispanic Count</b>	<b>Hispanic %</b>	<b>White Count</b>	<b>White %</b>	<b>Other Count</b>	<b>Other %</b>
<b>FY 13-14</b>	4,247	20.6%	7,908	38.3%	5,186	25.1%	3,318	16.1%
<b>FY 14-15</b>	4,511	20.5%	8,626	39.2%	5,408	24.5%	3,487	15.8%
<b>FY 15-16</b>	4,411	20.0%	8,865	40.2%	5,401	24.5%	3,365	15.3%
<b>FY 16-17</b>	4,102	19.8%	8,527	41.1%	5,062	24.4%	3,072	14.8%

\*This report uses the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System for racial data, while CDSS uses the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System.

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<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Children 0-2 Count</b>	<b>Children 0-2 %</b>	<b>Children 3-5 Count</b>	<b>Children 3-5 %</b>	<b>Children 6-11 Count</b>	<b>Children 6-11 %</b>	<b>Youth 12-17 Count</b>	<b>Youth 12-17 %</b>	<b>Youth 18-20 Count</b>	<b>Youth 18-20 %</b>
<b>FY 13-14</b>	1,456	7.0%	2,825	13.7%	6,674	32.3%	7,532	36.5%	2,172	10.5%
<b>FY 14-15</b>	1,794	8.1%	3,200	14.5%	7,236	32.8%	7,573	34.4%	2,229	10.1%
<b>FY 15-16</b>	1,982	9.0%	3,289	14.9%	7,347	33.3%	7,229	32.8%	2,195	10.0%
<b>FY 16-17</b>	1,772	8.5%	3,144	15.1%	6,886	33.2%	6,907	33.3%	2,054	9.9%

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<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Female Count</b>	<b>Female %</b>	<b>Male Count</b>	<b>Male %</b>
<b>FY 13-14</b>	9,827	47.6%	10,832	52.4%
<b>FY 14-15</b>	10,558	47.9%	11,474	52.1%
<b>FY 15-16</b>	10,740	48.7%	11,302	51.3%
<b>FY 16-17</b>	10,212	49.2%	10,551	50.8%

**Penetration Rates\* Report: Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with At Least One SMHS Visit\*\***  
**Large Sized Counties as of June 6, 2018**

	FY 13-14			FY 14-15			FY 15-16			FY 16-17		
	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 1 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 1 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Open Child Welfare Case with 1 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 1 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate
<b>All</b>	<b>20,659</b>	<b>55,621</b>	<b>37.1%</b>	<b>22,032</b>	<b>56,426</b>	<b>39.0%</b>	<b>22,042</b>	<b>55,149</b>	<b>40.0%</b>	<b>20,763</b>	<b>52,261</b>	<b>39.7%</b>
Children 0-2	1,456	10,896	13.4%	1,794	11,277	15.9%	1,982	11,028	18.0%	1,772	10,719	16.5%
Children 3-5	2,825	9,688	29.2%	3,200	9,857	32.5%	3,289	9,609	34.2%	3,144	9,074	34.6%
Children 6-11	6,674	14,759	45.2%	7,236	15,164	47.7%	7,347	15,120	48.6%	6,886	14,421	47.7%
Youth 12-17	7,532	14,110	53.4%	7,573	13,909	54.4%	7,229	13,388	54.0%	6,907	12,552	55.0%
Youth 18-20	2,172	6,168	35.2%	2,229	6,219	35.8%	2,195	6,004	36.6%	2,054	5,495	37.4%
Black	4,247	10,121	42.0%	4,511	10,209	44.2%	4,411	9,808	45.0%	4,102	9,002	45.6%
Hispanic	7,908	23,869	33.1%	8,626	24,041	35.9%	8,865	23,801	37.2%	8,527	23,089	36.9%
White	5,186	13,426	38.6%	5,408	13,689	39.5%	5,401	13,113	41.2%	5,062	12,250	41.3%
Other	3,318	8,205	40.4%	3,487	8,487	41.1%	3,365	8,427	39.9%	3,072	7,920	38.8%
Female	9,827	26,677	36.8%	10,558	27,186	38.8%	10,740	26,662	40.3%	10,212	25,326	40.3%
Male	10,832	28,944	37.4%	11,474	29,240	39.2%	11,302	28,487	39.7%	10,551	26,935	39.2%

\*Penetration Rate is defined as the percentage of SMHS eligible beneficiaries that have received a SMHS that was claimed via the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claiming system.

\*\*Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case that have received at least one SMHS in the Fiscal Year.



**Penetration Rates\* Report: Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with Five or More SMHS Visits\*\*  
Large Sized Counties as of June 6, 2018**

	FY 13-14			FY 14-15			FY 15-16			FY 16-17		
	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 5 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 5 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 5 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 5 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate
<b>All</b>	14,961	55,621	26.9%	15,633	56,426	27.7%	15,672	55,149	28.4%	15,155	52,261	29.0%
Children 0-2	608	10,896	5.6%	765	11,277	6.8%	822	11,028	7.5%	858	10,719	8.0%
Children 3-5	1,819	9,688	18.8%	1,989	9,857	20.2%	2,026	9,609	21.1%	2,019	9,074	22.3%
Children 6-11	4,884	14,759	33.1%	5,181	15,164	34.2%	5,381	15,120	35.6%	5,189	14,421	36.0%
Children 12-17	5,998	14,110	42.5%	5,991	13,909	43.1%	5,759	13,388	43.0%	5,505	12,552	43.9%
Youth 18-20	1,652	6,168	26.8%	1,707	6,219	27.4%	1,684	6,004	28.0%	1,584	5,495	28.8%
Black	3,293	10,121	32.5%	3,313	10,209	32.5%	3,365	9,808	34.3%	3,150	9,002	35.0%
Hispanic	5,410	23,869	22.7%	5,895	24,041	24.5%	6,006	23,801	25.2%	6,024	23,089	26.1%
White	3,747	13,426	27.9%	3,843	13,689	28.1%	3,836	13,113	29.3%	3,685	12,250	30.1%
Other	2,511	8,205	30.6%	2,582	8,487	30.4%	2,465	8,427	29.3%	2,296	7,920	29.0%
Female	7,126	26,677	26.7%	7,420	27,186	27.3%	7,621	26,662	28.6%	7,443	25,326	29.4%
Male	7,835	28,944	27.1%	8,213	29,240	28.1%	8,051	28,487	28.3%	7,712	26,935	28.6%

\*Penetration Rate is defined as the percentage of SMHS eligible beneficiaries that have received a SMHS that was claimed via the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claiming system.

\*\*Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case that have received at least five SMHS in the Fiscal Year.

**Utilization Report\*: Approved SMHS for Children/Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case  
Mean Expenditures and Service Quantity per Beneficiary by Fiscal Year  
Large Sized Counties as of June 6, 2018**

Fiscal Year	SDMC Total Approved	IHBS (Minutes)	ICC (Minutes)	Case Management / Brokerage (Minutes)	Mental Health Services (Minutes)	Therapeutic Behavioral Services (Minutes)	Medication Support Services (Minutes)	Crisis Intervention (Minutes)	Crisis Stabilization (Hours)	Full Day Treatment Intensive (Hours)	Full Day Rehabilitation (Hours)	Hospital Inpatient (Days)	Hospital Inpatient Admin (Days)	Fee for Service Inpatient (Days)	Crisis Residential Treatment Services (Days)	Adult Residential Treatment Services (Days)	Psychiatric Health Facility (Days)
<b>FY 13-14</b>	\$ 9,252	2,368	1,063	650	1,989	4,739	356	281	20	505	458	5	12	11	19	100	19
<b>FY 14-15</b>	\$ 8,819	2,531	1,151	616	1,852	4,406	350	295	20	497	586	4	9	10	23	70	21
<b>FY 15-16</b>	\$ 8,897	2,341	1,134	621	1,824	4,519	337	288	25	522	622	6	16	11	23	82	20
<b>FY 16-17</b>	\$ 11,872	2,398	1,105	616	1,891	4,614	352	315	25	615	560	7	17	10	27	78	20
<b>MEAN</b>	<b>\$ 9,710</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>20</b>

*\*The graphs are color coded so that those reported in the same unit of analysis (e.g., minutes) are colored similarly.*

*Please note that (n) values listed at the bottom of each bar graph represent the actual number of children/youth that received the SMHS represented in their respective graph by Fiscal Year.*

**Snapshot Report: Unique Count of Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case Receiving SMHS  
Arriving, Exiting, and with Service Continuance by Fiscal Year  
Large Sized Counties as of June 6, 2018**

Category	Description (Please refer to the Measures Catalog for more detailed descriptions on all Performance Outcomes System measures.)
Arrivals	Children/Youth that did not receive any SMHS within 3 months of their first date of service in the Fiscal Year.
Service Continuance	Children/Youth receiving continuous services with no breaks in service greater than 90 days for a period of at least 2 years ( $\geq 2$ YR) or a period of 1 to 2 years ( $< 2$ YR).
Exiting	Children/Youth that did not receive any SMHS within 3 months after their last date of service in the Fiscal Year.
Arriving & Exiting	A distinct category in which children/youth met both the criteria for <b>Arrivals</b> and <b>Exiting</b> above for the fiscal year.
Service Continuance &	A distinct category in which Children/Youth had at least 2 years of Service Continuance going into the Fiscal Year and then Exited within the same Fiscal Year.

Service Fiscal Year	Arrivals Count	Arrivals %	Service Continuance ( $\geq 2$ YR) Count	Service Continuance ( $\geq 2$ YR) %	Service Continuance ( $< 2$ YR) Count	Service Continuance ( $< 2$ YR) %	Exiting Count	Exiting %	Arriving & Exiting Count	Arriving & Exiting %	Service Continuance ( $\geq 2$ YR) & Exiting Count	Service Continuance ( $\geq 2$ YR) and Exiting %	Total Count	Total %
<b>FY 13-14</b>	5,140	24.9%	1,594	7.7%	1,746	8.5%	3,929	19.0%	7,318	35.4%	932	4.5%	20,659	100%
<b>FY 14-15</b>	5,391	24.5%	1,483	6.7%	1,818	8.3%	4,377	19.9%	8,051	36.5%	912	4.1%	22,032	100%
<b>FY 15-16</b>	5,340	24.2%	1,483	6.7%	1,746	7.9%	4,557	20.7%	8,004	36.3%	912	4.1%	22,042	100%
<b>FY 16-17</b>	5,046	24.3%	1,473	7.1%	1,769	8.5%	4,414	21.3%	7,136	34.4%	925	4.5%	20,763	100%

**Time to Step Down Report: Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case Stepping Down in SMHS Services Post Inpatient Discharge\***  
**Large Sized Counties as of June 6, 2018**

Service FY	Count of Inpatient Discharges with Step Down within 7 Days of Discharge	Percentage of Inpatient Discharges with Step Down within 7 Days of Discharge	Count of Inpatient Discharges with Step Down between 8 and 30 days of Discharge	Percentage of Inpatient Discharges with Step Down between 8 and 30 days of Discharge	Count of Beneficiaries with a Step Down > 30 Days from Discharge or No Step Down*	Percentage of Beneficiaries with a Step Down > 30 Days from Discharge or No Step Down*	Minimum Number of Days between Discharge and Step Down	Maximum Number of Days between Discharge and Step Down	Mean Time to Next Contact Post Inpatient Discharge (Days)	Median Time to Next Contact Post Inpatient Discharge (Days)
FY 13-14	877	80.6%	109	10.0%	102	9.4%	0	335	8.2	0
FY 14-15	752	73.9%	118	11.6%	147	14.5%	0	329	14.3	1
FY 15-16	738	78.3%	89	9.4%	116	12.3%	0	364	11.1	1
FY 16-17	822	80.7%	86	8.4%	110	10.8%	0	312	10.2	0

\* **No Step Down** is defined as no Medi-Cal eligible service was claimed through Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal after a claimed inpatient service was billed with a discharge date.