#### FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015/2016 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND OTHER FUNDED SERVICES BUTTE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH PLAN REVIEW January 25, 2016 DRAFT FINDINGS REPORT RESPONSE

### Section K, "Chart Review – Non-Hospital Services

The medical records of 10 adult and 10 child/adolescent Medi-Cal specialty mental health beneficiaries were reviewed for compliance with state and federal regulations for adherence to the terms of the contract between the BUTTE County Mental Health Plan (MHP) and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), and for consistency with the MHP's own documentation standards and policies and procedures regarding medical records documentation. The process included a review of <u>394</u> claims submitted for the months of January, February and March of 2015.

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## **Medical Necessity**

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS	
1.	Does the beneficiary meet all three (3) of the following medical necessity criteria for reimbursement (1a, 1b, and 1c. below)?	
1a.	The beneficiary has a current ICD diagnosis which is included for non-hospital SMHS in accordance with the MHP contract?	
1b.	The beneficiary, as a result of a mental disorder or emotional disturbance listed in 1a, must have at least one (1) of the following criteria (1-4 below):	
	1) A significant impairment in an important area of life functioning.	
	2) A probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning.	
	3) A probability that the child will not progress developmentally as individually appropriate.	
	<ol> <li>For full-scope MC beneficiaries under the age of 21 years, a condition as a result of the mental disorder or emotional disturbance that SMHS can correct or ameliorate.</li> </ol>	
1c.	Do the proposed and actual intervention(s) meet the intervention criteria listed below:	
	<ol> <li>The focus of the proposed and actual intervention(s) is to address the condition identified in No. 1b. (1-3) above, or for full-scope MC beneficiaries under the age of 21 years, a condition as a result of the mental disorder or emotional disturbance that SMHS can correct or ameliorate per No. 1b(4).</li> </ol>	
	2) The expectation is that the proposed and actual intervention(s) will do at least one (1) of the following (A, B, C, or D):	
	<ul> <li>A. Significantly diminish the impairment.</li> <li>B. Prevent significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning.</li> <li>C. Allow the child to progress developmentally as individually appropriate.</li> <li>D. For full-scope MC beneficiaries under the age of 21 years, correct or ameliorate the condition.</li> </ul>	
1d.	The condition would not be responsive to physical health care based treatment.	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205 (b)(c) CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section1830.210 • CCR, title 22, chapter 3, section 51303(a)	
	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.345(c) CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(1-4) CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(1-4)	
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## <u>Reasons for Recoupment (RR)</u>: Refer to the enclosed Recoupment Summary for additional details concerning disallowances

- RR1. Documentation in the medical record does not establish that the beneficiary has a diagnosis contained in California Code of Regulations, (CCR), title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205(b)(1)(A-R).
- RR2. Documentation in the medical record does not establish that, as a result of a mental disorder listed in CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205(b)(1)(A-R), the beneficiary has, at least, one of the identified functional impairments.
- RR3. Documentation in the medical record does not establish that the focus of the proposed intervention is to address the functional impairment identified in CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205(b)(2)
- RR4. Documentation in the medical record does not establish the expectation that the proposed intervention will do, at least, one of the following:
  - a) Significantly diminish the impairment;
  - b) Prevent significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning;
  - c) Allow the child to progress developmentally as individually appropriate; or
  - d) For full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the age of 21 years, correct or ameliorate the condition.

### FINDING 1c-1:

The medical record associated with the following Line #s did not meet the medical necessity criteria since the focus of the proposed interventions did not address the mental health condition as specified in the CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205(b)(3)(A):

### PLAN OF CORRECTION 1c-1:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will ensure that interventions are focused on a significant functional impairment that is directly related to the mental health condition as specified in CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205(b)(3)(A).

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st B m co co bo	Date of Service RR# 3, 4, 17 isagree with the reason for recoupment as this note meets documentation tandards for Brokerage/case management: Definition of TCM – Linkage and rokerage services are services that assist a beneficiary to access needed hedical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community services. The service activities may include, but are not limited to, communication, coordination, and referral; monitoring service delivery to ensure eneficiary access to service and the service delivery system; monitoring of the eneficiary's progress; placement services; and plan development (CCR Title 9 vivision 1, 1810.249). Please see attachment III. Linkage and Brokerage – Assist clients to access and maintain needed services such as psychiatric, medical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community services Placement – Assist clients to obtain and maintain adequate and appropriate living arrangements Consultation – Exchange of information with others in support of client's services

## FINDING 1c-2:

The medical record associated with the following Line # did not meet the medical necessity criteria since there was no expectation that the documented intervention would meet the intervention criteria as specified in the CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205(b)(3)(B)(1-4):

## PLAN OF CORRECTION 1c-2:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will ensure that the interventions provided meet the intervention criteria specified in CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205(b)(3)(B)(1-4).

We agree with this finding and will provide a plan of correction upon receipt of final POC.

### Assessment

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
2.	2. Regarding the Assessment, are the following conditions met:		
2a.	<ul> <li>Has the Assessment been completed in accordance with the MHP's established written documentation standards for timeliness?</li> </ul>		
	2)	Has the Assessment been completed in according standards for frequency?	rdance with the MHP's established written documentation
• (	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.204     CCR, title 9, chapter 4, section 851- Lanterman-Petris Act		
• (	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(1-4)     MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I		MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I
• (	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)		

		PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
2b.	Do the A	Assessments include the areas specified in the MHP Contract with the Department?		
	1)	Presenting Problem. The beneficiary's chief complaint, history of presenting problem(s) including current level of functioning, relevant family history and current family information; Relevant conditions and psychosocial factors affecting the beneficiary's physical health and mental health		
	2)	including, as applicable; living situation, daily activities, social support, cultural and linguistic factors, and history of trauma or exposure to trauma;		
	3)	Mental Health History. Previous treatment, including providers, therapeutic modality (e.g., medications, psychosocial treatments) and response, and inpatient admissions. If possible, include information from other sources of clinical data such as previous mental health records and relevant psychological testing or consultation reports;		
4) Medical History. Relevant physical health conditions reported by the beneficiary or person. Include name and address of current source of medical treatment. For chil the history must include prenatal and perinatal events and relevant/significant deve		Medical History. Relevant physical health conditions reported by the beneficiary or a significant support person. Include name and address of current source of medical treatment. For children and adolescents the history must include prenatal and perinatal events and relevant/significant developmental history. If possible, include other medical information from medical records or relevant consultation reports		
	5)			
	6)	Substance Exposure/Substance Use. Past and present use of tobacco, alcohol, caffeine, CAM (complementary and alternative medications) and over-the-counter drugs, and illicit drugs;		
	7)	Client Strengths. Documentation of the beneficiary's strengths in achieving client plan goals related to the beneficiary's mental health needs and functional impairments as a result of the mental health diagnosis;		
	8)	Risks. Situations that present a risk to the beneficiary and/or others, including past or current trauma;		
	9)	A mental status examination;		
	10)	A Complete Diagnosis; A diagnosis from the current ICD-code must be documented, consistent with the presenting problems, history, mental status examination and/or other clinical data; including any current medical diagnoses.		
• (	CCR, title 9,	chapter 11, section 1810.204       • CCR, title 9, chapter 4, section 851- Lanterman-Petris Act         chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(1-4)       • MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I         chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)       • MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I		

### FINDING 2b:

One or more of the assessments reviewed did not include all of the items specified in the MHP Contract with the Department. The following required elements were incomplete or missing:

- 1) Mental Health History:
- 2) Medications:
- 3) Client Strengths:

## PLAN OF CORRECTION 2b:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will ensure that every assessment contains all of the required elements specified in the MHP Contract with the Department.

We will demonstrate the process to adhere to all MHP contract and Title 9 standards in our Plan of correction response. Essentially, we train, write technical assistance guidance and audit to ensure we meet these standards. Specifically, we have a monthly documentation training, a documentation policy and procedure 169, a Clinical Documentation Manual and our QM chart review/UM review process audits for these elements on a monthly basis.

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
2c.	Does the assessment include: 1) The date of service?		
	<ul> <li>2) The signature of the person providing the service (or electronic equivalent); the person's type of professional degree, and licensure or job title?</li> </ul>		
	3) The date the documentation was entered in the medical record?		
	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.204     CCR, title 9, chapter 4, section 851- Lanterman-Petris Act     CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(1-4)     MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I		
	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)		

### FINDING 2c:

The Assessment did not include:

1) Signature of the person providing the service (or electronic equivalent) that includes the person's professional degree, licensure, or job title:

### PLAN OF CORRECTION 2c:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will ensure that all documentation includes:

1) The signature or (electronic equivalent) with the professional degree, licensure or title of the person providing the service.

2) The date the signature was completed and the document was entered into the medical record.

We will demonstrate the process to adhere to all MHP contract and Title 9 standards in our Plan of correction response. Essentially, we train, write technical assistance guidance and audit to ensure we meet these standards. Specifically, we have a monthly documentation training, a documentation policy and procedure 169, a Clinical Documentation Manual and our QM chart review/UM review process audits for these elements on a monthly basis.

## **Medication Consent**

PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS			
3.	8. Regarding medication consent forms:		
За.	a. Did the provider obtain and retain a current written medication consent form signed by the beneficiary agreeing to the administration of each prescribed psychiatric medication?		
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.204     CCR, title 9, chapter 4, section 851- Lanterman-Petris Act		
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(1-4)     MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I		
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)		

## FINDING 3a:

The provider did not obtain and retain a current written medication consent form signed by the beneficiary agreeing to the administration of each prescribed psychiatric medication. There was no documentation in the medical record of a written explanation regarding the beneficiary's refusal or unavailability to sign the medication consent:

- **During the review**, MHP staff was given the opportunity to locate the missing medication consent form but was unable to locate it in the medical record.
- **Example** and **Example** The written medication consent form was not signed by the beneficiary.

## PLAN OF CORRECTION 3a:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will ensure that:

- 1) A written medication consent form is obtained and retained for each medication prescribed and administered under the direction of the MHP.
- 2) Written medication consent forms are completed in accordance with the MHP's written documentation standards.

BCDBH agrees with this, and will provide our plan of correction to retrain, renew a policy and procedure and add additional elements to our QM audit process to ensure adherence to these standards see Attachment IV. BCDBH is also exploring whether an

electronic health record option is available to make these medication consents mandatory to ensure compliance.

		PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS	
3b.	Does the medication consent for psychiatric medications include the following required elements:		
	1) The reasons for taking such medications?		
	2)	Reasonable alternative treatments available, if any?	
	3)	Type of medication?	
	4) Range of frequency (of administration)?		
	5) Dosage?		
	6) Method of administration?		
7) Duration of taking the medication?		Duration of taking the medication?	
	<ul> <li>8) Probable side effects?</li> <li>9) Possible side effects if taken longer than 3 months?</li> <li>10) Consent once given may be withdrawn at any time?</li> </ul>		
• (	CCR, title 9, c	chapter 11, section 1810.204       • CCR, title 9, chapter 4, section 851- Lanterman-Petris Act         chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(1-4)       • MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I         chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)       • MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I	

## FINDING 3b:

Written medication consents did not contain all of the required elements specified in the MHP Contract with the Department. The following required elements were not documented on the medication consent forms found in the beneficiary's medical record:

- 1) The reason for taking each medication:
- 2) Reasonable alternative treatments available, if any:
- 3) Type of medication:
- 4) Range of frequency:
- 5) Dosage:
- 6) Method of administration (oral or injection):
- 7) Duration of taking each medication:
- 8) Probable side effects:
- 9) Possible side effects if taken longer than 3 months:
- 10)Consent once given may be withdrawn at any time:

### PLAN OF CORRECTION 3b:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will ensure that every medication consent includes documentation of all of the required elements specified in the MHP Contract with the Department.

BCDBH agrees with this, and will provide our plan of correction to retrain, renew a policy and procedure and add additional elements to our QM audit process to ensure adherence to these standards see Attachment IV. BCDBH is also exploring whether an electronic health record option is available to make these medication consents mandatory to ensure compliance. Please see attachment of the additional audit form. This process will be updated in our final plan of correction

## **Client Plans**

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
4.	Regarding the client plan, are the following conditions	met:	
4a.	<ol> <li>Has the initial client plan been completed within the time period specified in the Mental Health Plan (MHP's) documentation guidelines, or lacking MHP guidelines, within 60 days of the intake unless there is documentation supporting the need for more time?</li> </ol>		
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.205.2	• WIC, section 5751.2	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254	MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I	
<ul> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)(1)(2)</li> <li>CCR, ti</li> </ul>		• CCR, title 16, Section 1820.5	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-5) • California Business and Profession Code, Section 4999.20		
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)		
•	DMH Letter 02-01, Enclosure A		

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RR5. Initial client plan was not completed within the time period specified in the Mental Health Plan (MHP's) documentation guidelines, or lacking MHP guidelines, within 60 days of the intake unless there is documentation supporting the need for more time.

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS			
4a	4a 2) Has the client plan been updated at least annually and/or when there are significant changes in the beneficiary's condition?			
• • • • •	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.205.2 CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254 CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)(1)(2) CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-5) CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e) DMH Letter 02-01, Enclosure A	<ul> <li>WIC, section 5751.2</li> <li>MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I</li> <li>CCR, title 16, Section 1820.5</li> <li>California Business and Profession Code, Section 4999.20</li> </ul>		

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RR6. The client plan was not completed, at least, on an annual basis or as specified in the MHP's documentation guidelines.

## FINDING 4a-2:

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The client plan was not updated, at least, annually or when there was a significant change in the beneficiary's condition (as required in the MHP Contract with the Department and/or as specified in the MHP's documentation standards):

• There was a <u>lapse</u> between the prior and current client plans and therefore, there was no client plan in effect during a portion or all of the audit review period. **RR6, refer to Recoupment Summary for details** 

The MHP should review all services and claims during which there was no client plan in effect and disallow those claims as required.

• There was a <u>lapse</u> between the prior and current client plans. However, this occurred outside of the audit review period.

The MHP should review all services and claims outside of the audit review period during which there was no client plan in effect and disallow those claims as required.

## PLAN OF CORRECTION 4a-2:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will:

- 1) Ensure that client plans are completed at least on an annual basis as required in the MHP Contract with the Department, and within the timelines and frequency specified in the MHP's written documentation standards.
- 2) Ensure that non-emergency services are not claimed when:
  - a) A client plan has not been completed.
  - b) The service provided is not included on the current client plan.
- 3) Provide evidence that all services claimed outside of the audit review period for which no client plan was in effect are disallowed.

BCDBH agrees with this finding. The last valid treatment plan expired on and a new plan was not updated until **Constant**. Services from **Constant** will be disallowed. This disallowance is already in process, and we will provide proof of this in our final plan of correction.

BCDBH agrees with this finding. The last valid treatment plan expired on **accurate** and a new plan was not updated until **accurate**. Services from **accurate** will be disallowed. This disallowance is already in process, and we will provide proof of this in our final plan of correction.

PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
4b. Does the client plan include the items specified in the MHP Contract with the Department		e client plan include the items specified in the MHP Contract with the Department?
	1)	Specific, observable, and/or specific quantifiable goals/treatment objectives related to the beneficiary's mental health needs and functional impairments as a result of the mental health diagnosis.
	2)	The proposed type(s) of intervention/modality including a detailed description of the intervention to be provided.
	3)	The proposed frequency of intervention(s).
	4)	The proposed duration of intervention(s).
	5)	Interventions that focus and address the identified functional impairments as a result of the mental disorder or emotional disturbance.

	6) Interventions are consistent with client plan goal(s)/treatment objective(s).	
	7) Be consistent with the qualifying diagnoses.	
• () • () • ()	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.205.2 CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254 CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)(1)(2) CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-5) CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e) DMH Letter 02-01, Enclosure A	<ul> <li>WIC, section 5751.2</li> <li>MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I</li> <li>CCR, title 16, Section 1820.5</li> <li>California Business and Profession Code, Section 4999.20</li> </ul>

### FINDING 4b:

The following Line #s had client plans that did not include all of the items specified in the MHP Contract with the Department:

- **4b-2** One or more of the proposed interventions did not include a detailed description. Instead, only a "type" or "category" of intervention was recorded on the client plan (e.g. "Medication Support Services," "Targeted Case Management," "Mental Health Services," etc.).
- **4b-3** One or more of the proposed interventions did not indicate an expected frequency.

4b-7 One or more client plans were not consistent with the qualifying diagnosis.

### PLAN OF CORRECTION 4b:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will ensure that:

- 1) (4b-2.) All mental health interventions/modalities proposed on client plans include a detailed description of the interventions to be provided and do not just identify a type or modality of service (e.g. "therapy", "medication", "case management", etc.).
- 2) (4b-3.) All mental health interventions proposed on client plans indicate both an expected frequency and duration for each intervention.
- 3) (4b-7.) All client plans are consistent with the qualifying diagnosis.

BCDBH received an overview compliance chart from DHCS which indicated that 100% of the elements on the treatment plans reviewed were out of compliance, however we were unable to determine this to be accurate upon our own review of matching treatment plans to elements. In addition, in the findings above for item 4b, not every plan is listed as missing all elements. We are interpreting that intervention/modality may mean to now add in the exact type of sevice to the interventions in the treatment plans, but do request some technical assistance on this prior to being able to fulfill plan of correction requirements to ensure we have an accurate understanding of DHCS' requirements for 4b. We will then be able to re-train staff, update our technical assistance documents and policies and update our audit process.

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
4c.	4c. Is the client plan signed (or electronic equivalent) by:		
	1) The person providing the service(s) or,		
	<ol><li>A person representing a team or program provid</li></ol>	ling the service(s) or,	
	<ol> <li>A person representing the MHP providing servic</li> </ol>		
		ent plan is used to establish that services are provided	
	under the direction of an approved category of s	staff, and if the signing staff is <u>not</u> of the approved	
	categories, one (1) of the following must sign:		
	A. A Physician		
	B. A Licensed/Registered/Waivered Psychologist		
	C. A Licensed/Registered/Waivered Social Worker		
	D. A Licensed/Registered/Waivered Marriage and Family Therapist		
	E. A Licensed/Registered/Waivered Professional Clinical Counselor*		
	F. A Registered Nurse, including but not limited to nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists		
CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.205.2     W		WIC, section 5751.2	
CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254		MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I	
	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)(1)(2)	CCR, title 16, Section 1820.5	
	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-5)	California Business and Profession Code, Section 4999.20	
	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)		
•	DMH Letter 02-01, Enclosure A		

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
4d.	Regarding the beneficiary's participation and agreement with the client plan:		
	<ol> <li>Is there documentation of the beneficiary's degree of participation and agreement with the client plan as evidenced by, but not limited to:         <ul> <li>Reference to the beneficiary's participation in and agreement in the body of the client plan; or</li> <li>The beneficiary signature on the client plan; or</li> <li>A description of the beneficiary's participation and agreement in the medical record.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Does the client plan include the beneficiary's signature or the signature of the beneficiary's legal representative when:             <ul> <li>The beneficiary is expected to be in long-term treatment, as determined by the MHP, and,</li> <li>The client plan provides that the beneficiary will be receiving more than one (1) type of SMHS?</li> </ul> <ul> <li>When the beneficiary's signature or the signature of the beneficiary's legal representative is required on the client plan and the beneficiary refuses or is unavailable for signature, does the client plan include a written</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		
• () • () • ()	explanation of the refusal or unavailability of the signature?CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.205.2• WIC, section 5751.2CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254• MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment ICCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)(1)(2)• CCR, title 16, Section 1820.5CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-5)• California Business and Profession Code, Section 4999.20CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)• CCR, title 16, Section 1820.5		

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# RR7. No documentation of beneficiary or legal guardian participation in the plan or written explanation of the beneficiary's refusal or unavailability to sign as required in the MHP Contract with the Department.

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS			
4e.	e. Is there documentation that the contractor offered a copy of the client plan to the beneficiary?			
	<ul> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.205.2</li> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254</li> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)(1)(2)</li> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-5)</li> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)</li> <li>DMH Letter 02-01, Enclosure A</li> </ul>		WIC, section 5751.2 MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I CCR, title 16, Section 1820.5 California Business and Profession Code, Section 4999.20	

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4f.	Does the client plan include:		
	1) The date of service;		
	<ol> <li>The signature of the person providing the service (or electronic equivalent); the person's type of professional degree, and licensure or job title; AND</li> </ol>		
	3) The date the documentation was entered in the medical record?		
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.205.2	WIC, section 5751.2	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254	MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)(1)(2)	CCR, title 16, Section 1820.5	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-5)	California Business and Profession Code, Section 4999.20	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)		
•	DMH Letter 02-01, Enclosure A		

## **Progress Notes**

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS			
5a.	Do the progress notes document the following:			
	1)	<ol> <li>Timely documentation (as determined by the MHP) of relevant aspects of client care, including documentation of medical necessity?</li> </ol>		
	2)			
	3)	Interventions applied, beneficiary's response	to the interventions, and the location of the interventions?	
	4)	The date the services were provided?		
	5)	Documentation of referrals to community resources and other agencies, when appropriate?		
	6)	6) Documentation of follow-up care or, as appropriate, a discharge summary?		
	7)	7) The amount of time taken to provide services?		
	8) The signature of the person providing the service (or electronic equivalent); the person's type of professional degree, and licensure or job title?			
٠	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254     CCR, title 9, chapter 11, sections 1840.316 - 1840.322			
•	CCR, title 9,	chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)	CCR, title 22, chapter 3, section 51458.1	
		chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-6)	CCR, title 22, chapter 3, section 51470	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314     MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I			

# <u>Reasons for Recoupment (RR)</u>: Refer to the enclosed Recoupment Summary for additional details concerning disallowances

- RR1. Documentation in the medical record does not establish that the beneficiary has a diagnosis contained in California Code of Regulations, (CCR), title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205(b)(1)(A-R).
- RR2. Documentation in the medical record does not establish that, as a result of a mental disorder listed in CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205(b)(1)(A-R), the beneficiary has, at least, one of the identified functional impairments.
- RR3. Documentation in the medical record does not establish that the focus of the proposed intervention is to address the functional impairment identified in CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1830.205(b)(2)
- RR4. Documentation in the medical record does not establish the expectation that the proposed intervention will do, at least, one of the following:
  - a) Significantly diminish the impairment;
  - b) Prevent significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning;
  - c) Allow the child to progress developmentally as individually appropriate; or
  - d) For full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the age of 21 years, correct or ameliorate the condition.
- RR9. No progress note was found for service claimed.
- RR10. The time claimed was greater than the time documented.
- RR13 The progress note indicates that the service provided was solely for one of the following:

- a) Academic educational service;
- b) Vocational service that has work or work training as its actual purpose;
- c) Recreation; or
- d) Socialization that consists of generalized group activities that do not provide systematic individualized feedback to the specific targeted behaviors.
- RR15. The progress note was not signed (or electronic equivalent) by the person(s) providing the service.
- RR16. The progress note indicates the service provided was solely transportation.
- RR17. The progress note indicates the service provided was solely clerical.
- RR18. The progress note indicates the service provided was solely payee related.
- RR19a. No service was provided.
- RR19b.The service was claimed for a provider on the Office of Inspector General List of Excluded Individuals and Entities.
- RR19c.The service was claimed for a provider on the Medi-Cal suspended and ineligible provider list

RR19d. The service was not provided within the scope of practice of the person delivering the service.

### FINDING 5a:

Progress notes were not completed in accordance with regulatory and contractual requirements and/or with the MHP's own written documentation standards.

- One or more progress note was not completed within the timeliness and frequency standards in accordance with regulatory and contractual requirements.
- The MHP was not following its own written documentation standards for timeliness of staff signatures on progress notes.
- Progress notes did not document the following:
  - 5a-1 Example 2 : Timely documentation of relevant aspects of beneficiary care as specified by the MHP's documentation standards (i.e., progress notes completed late based on the MHP's written documentation standards in effect during the audit period).
  - **5a-4** Example 2 : Timeliness of the progress note could not be determined because the note was signed but not dated by the person providing the service. Therefore, the date the progress note was entered into the medical record could not be determined.
- Appointment was missed or cancelled: **RR19a**, refer to **Recoupment Summary for details.**

#### PLAN OF CORRECTION:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will:

1) Ensure that progress notes meet timeliness, frequency and the staff signature requirements in accordance with regulatory and contractual requirements.

- 2) Describe how the MHP will ensure that progress notes are completed in accordance with the timeliness and frequency requirements specified in the MHP's written documentation standards.
- 3) The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will ensure that progress notes document:
  - **5a-1** Timely completion by the person providing the service and relevant aspects of client care, as specified in the MHP Contract with the Department and the MHP's written documentation standards.
  - **5a-4** The date the progress note was completed and entered into the medical record by the person(s) providing the service in order to determine the timeliness of completion, as specified in the MHP Contract with the Department.
- Each progress note describes how services provided reduced impairment, restored functioning, or prevented significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning.

5-A1: BCDBH has a policy and procedure #213 Completion/timeliness of clinical documentation and service logs, which outlines in writing that staff are to complete documentation on the same day or next day a service is delivered, or the service will be considered late (see Attachment V). Any progress notes written more than 14 days after a service was provided subjects the staff to potential disciplinary action (See Attachment:V).

5-A4- BCDBH does indeed require that all progress notes are dated to show the date the service was provided and the date the note was completed, please see attachment VI. On BCDBH disagrees as these notes were dated the day the service was provided and the signatures each have a date that corresponds. See attachment VII and VIII.

See also Attachment VIII

BCDBH agrees with recoupment reason 19a for **Exercise Sector** as appointments being missed or cancelled are not reimbursable activites. Please see attachment X.

## FINDING 5a3:

The progress note for the following Line # indicates that the service provided was solely:

Clerical: \_\_\_\_\_\_. <u>RR17, refer to Recoupment Summary for details.</u>

## PLAN OF CORRECTION:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will ensure that:

1) Services provided and claimed are not solely clerical.

BCDBH disagrees with recoupment for with our explanation below:		
<ul> <li>Date of Service;</li> <li>BCDBH disagrees with the reason for recoupment as this note meets documentation standards for Brokerage/case management and documents functional impairment: Definition of TCM – Linkage and Brokerage services are services that assist a beneficiary to access needed medical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community services. The service activities may include, but are not limited to, communication, coordination, and referral; monitoring service delivery to ensure beneficiary access to service and the service delivery system; monitoring of the beneficiary's progress; placement services; and plan development (CCR Title 9 Division 1, 1810.249).</li> <li>Linkage and Brokerage – Assist clients to access and maintain needed services such as psychiatric, medical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community services</li> <li>Placement – Assist clients to obtain and maintain adequate and appropriate living arrangements</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Consultation – Exchange of information with others in support of client's services</li> </ul>		
See attachment III.		
BCDBH agrees with recoupment for as the note was clerical in nature. Please see attached "non-reminbursable services: section from our documentation manual. The note did not have a speciality mental health service provided and was indeed clerical See Attachment X.		
PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
<ul> <li>5b. When services are being provided to, or on behalf of, a beneficiary by two or more persons at one point in time, do the progress notes include:</li> <li>1) Documentation of each person's involvement in the context of the mental health needs of the beneficiary?</li> </ul>		
2) The exact number of minutes used by persons providing the service?		
3) Signature(s) of person(s) providing the services?		
• CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254         • CCR, title 9, chapter 11, sections 1840.316 - 1840.322           • CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)         • CCR, title 22, chapter 3, section 51458.1           • CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-6)         • CCR, title 22, chapter 3, section 51470           • CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314         • MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I		

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
5c.	Timeliness/frequency as follows:		
	1) Every service contact for:		
	A. Mental health services		
	B. Medication support services		
	C. Crisis intervention		
	D. Targeted Case Management		
	2) Daily for:		
	A. Crisis residential		
	B. Crisis stabilization (one per 23/hour period)		
	C. Day treatment intensive		

	3) Weekly for:	
	<ul> <li>A. Day treatment intensive (clinical summary)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>B. Day rehabilitation</li> </ul>	
	C. Adult residential	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254	• CCR, title 9, chapter 11, sections 1840.316 - 1840.322
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)	CCR, title 22, chapter 3, section 51458.1
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-6)	CCR, title 22, chapter 3, section 51470
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314	MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I

### FINDING 5c:

Documentation in the medical record did not meeting the following requirements:

• **RR9, refer to Recoupment Summary for details.** 

During the review, the MHP staff was given the opportunity to locate the documents in question but could not find written evidence of them in the medical record. All notes located at time of audit

• specialty mental health service (SMHS) documented on the progress note was not the same type of SMHS claimed. **RR9, refer to Recoupment Summary for details.** 

### PLAN OF CORRECTION 5c:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will:

- 1) Ensure that all specialty mental health services (SMHS) claimed are:
  - a. Documented in the medical record.
  - b. Actually provided to the beneficiary.
  - c. Appropriate, relate to the qualifying diagnosis and identified functional impairments and are medically necessary as delineated in the CCR, title 9, chapter 11, sections 1830.205(a)(b).
  - d. Claimed for the correct service modality and billing code.
  - e. Claimed to provider who actually provided the services.
- 2) Ensure that all progress notes are:
  - a) Accurate and meet the documentation requirements described in the MHP Contract with the Department.
  - b) Indicate the type of service, the date the service was provided and the amount of time taken to provide the service as specified in the MHP Contract with the Department.
  - c) Completed within the timeline and frequency specified in the MHP Contract with the Department.

BCDBH has reviewed the notes for finding 5c, and we disagree with the recoupment for We were unable to locate with the information provided by DHCS.

Date of Service

RR9

Disagree with the reason for recoupment as this is an "add on" billing code for psychotherapy and is not intended as a separate note. The specified therapy was delivered during a medication service by a qualified psychiatrist and was documented accordingly on a medication monitoring progress note. The type/therapy model was documented as well as the reason for the service. See attachment XI

Date of Service ;

RR9

Disagree with the reason for recoupment as the progress note clearly and specifically states collateral decision for no change in service (as client will continue with residential care due to functional impairment). See attachment XII

BCDBH provides monthly training for all staff on clinicial documentation standards, including orienting all staff to the clinical documentation manual. See attachment XIII and attachment XIV. BCDBH also provides a monthly audit of 20 charts which are audited for compliance with Title 9 requirements including auditing to a sample of services provided in a three month audit period to ensure the content of the note matches the billing/service code identified. See attachment XV and XVI.

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
5d.	. Do all entries in the beneficiary's medical record include:		
	1) The date of service?		
	2) The signature of the person providing the service (or electronic equivalent); the person's type of professional degree, and licensure or job title?		
	3) The date the documentation was entered in the medical record?		
• (	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.254     CCR, title 9, chapter 11, sections 1840.316 - 1840.322		
• (	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.440(c)     CCR, title 22, chapter 3, section 51458.1		
• (	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)(2-6)     CCR, title 22, chapter 3, section 51470		
• (	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314     MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I		

## FINDING 5d:

The Progress notes did not include:

- Date of service:
- Date the documentation was entered into the medical record:

## PLAN OF CORRECTION 5d:

The MHP shall submit a POC that indicates how the MHP will:

1) Ensure that all documentation includes The date the signature was completed and the document was entered into the medical record.

BCDBH On **BCDBH** - BCDBH disagrees as these notes were dated the day the service was provided and the signatures each have a date that corresponds (please

see attachment VII and attachment VIII. BCDBH did not have a recoupment in the documentation provided by DHCS.

## **Documentation of Cultural and Linguistic Services**

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
6.	Regarding cultural/linguistic services and availability in alternative formats:		
6a.	Sa. Is there any evidence that mental health interpreter services are offered and provided, when applicable?		
CFR, title 42, section 438.10(c)(4),(5)     CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.405(d)     CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.405(d)			

PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS			
6b.	6b. If the needs for language assistance is identified in the assessment, is there documentation of linking beneficiaries to culture-specific and/or linguistic services as described in the MHP's CCPR?		
• CFR, title 42, section 438.10(c)(4),(5)		• CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.410	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.405(d)		

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS			
6c.	6c. When applicable, is service-related personal correspondence provided in the beneficiary's preferred language?			
•	CFR, title 42, section 438.10(c)(4),(5)     CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.410			
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.405(d)			

PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS			
6d.	. When applicable, was treatment specific information provided to beneficiaries in an alternative format (e.g., braille,		
	audio, large print, etc.)?		
•	CFR, title 42, section 438.10(c)(4),(5)	• CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.410	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.405(d)		

## Service Components for Day Treatment Intensive and Day Rehabilitation **Programs**

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
7a.	7a. Regarding Service Components for Day Treatment Intensive and Day Rehabilitation programs:		
	<ol> <li>Do Day Treatment Intensive and Day Rehabilitation programs include all the following required service components:         <ul> <li>A. Daily Community Meetings;*</li> <li>B. Process Groups;</li> <li>C. Skill-building Groups; and</li> <li>D. Adjunctive Therapies?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		
	2) Does Day Treatment Intensive include Psychotherapy?		
• (	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.212 CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.213 CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b) CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)	<ul> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.318</li> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.360</li> <li>MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I</li> <li>DMH Letter No. 03-03</li> </ul>	

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- RR10. The time claimed was greater than the time documented.

RR15. The progress note was not signed (or electronic equivalent) by the person(s) providing the service.

RR19a. No service was provided.

RR19d. The service was not provided within the scope of practice of the person delivering the service.

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
7b.	7b. Regarding Attendance:		
	<ol> <li>Is there documentation of the total number of minutes/hours the beneficiary actually attended the program?</li> </ol>		
	<ul> <li>2) If the beneficiary is unavoidably absent:         <ul> <li>A. Is the total time (number of hours and minutes) the beneficiary actually attended the program that documented;</li> <li>B. Is the beneficiary present for at least 50 percent of the scheduled hours of operation for that day;</li> <li>AND,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
	C. Is there a separate entry in the medical record documenting the reason for the unavoidable abser		record documenting the reason for the unavoidable absence?
•         CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.212         •         CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.318           •         CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.213         •         CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.360		<ul> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.318</li> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.360</li> </ul>	
•	CCR, title 9,	chapter 11, section 1810.213 chapter 11, section 1840.112(b) chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)	<ul> <li>MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I</li> <li>DMH Letter No. 03-03</li> </ul>

## FINDING 7b:

Documentation for the following Line # indicated that essential requirements for a Day Rehabilitation program were not met, as specified by the MHP Contract with the Department:

• Day Rehabilitation services claimed when the beneficiary was absent or was not present for the minimum amount of time to be claimed. The MHP should review all beneficiaries' past services and claims for this provider (**Construction**) to determine if billing was appropriate and disallow those claims that were not correctly billed. **RR10, refer to Recoupment Summary for details.** 

## PLAN OF CORRECTION:

- 1) Ensure that the total number of minutes/hours each beneficiary actually attends a *Day Rehabilitation* program is documented.
- 2) Ensure that all *Day Rehabilitation* services claimed were actually provided to the beneficiary as specified in the MHP Contract.

BCDBH agrees with this recoupment and does require any day treatment providers to adhere to Day treatment standards, see attachment:XVII. In this instance, the provider billed for 119 minutes, which is less than the half day billing option, as 3 hours would equal 120 minutes. To ensure the provider complies with regulations, BCDBH will provide evidence in our final plan of correction on how we alerted this provider see attachment XVII.

#### PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS

7c.	7c. Regarding Continuous Hours of Operation:		
Did the provider apply the following when claiming for the continuous hours of operation of <i>Day Treatment Intensive</i> and <i>Day Rehabilitation</i> services?			
	<ul> <li>A. For <u>Half Day</u>: The beneficiary received face-to-face services a <u>minimum</u> of three (3) hours each day the program was open.</li> <li>B. For <u>Full-Day</u>: The beneficiary received face-to-face services in a program with services available <u>more</u> than four (4) hours per day.</li> </ul>		
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.212     CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.318		
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.213     CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.360		
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)	MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I	
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)	DMH Letter No. 03-03	

### FINDING 7c:

Documentation for the following Line # indicated that essential requirements for a Day Rehabilitation program were not met, as specified by the MHP Contract with the Department:

• The beneficiary did not receive the minimum required hours in order to claim for full day of *Day Rehabilitation*.

## PLAN OF CORRECTION:

1) Ensure the provider provides the required hours each day when claiming for the continuous hours of operation of *Day Treatment Intensive/Day Rehabilitation* 

BCDBH agrees with this recoupment. Please see response for finding 7b above.

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
7d.	Regarding Staffing Requirements:		
	1) Do Day Treatment Intensive and Day Rehabilitation meet the following staffing requirements:		
A. For <i>Day Treatment Intensive</i> : Psychotherapy is provided by licensed, r practicing within their scope of practice.			
	B. For all scheduled hours of operation: There is at least one staff person present and available to the group in the therapeutic milieu.		
• (	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.212	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.318	
CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.213		CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.360	
• (	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)	MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I	
	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)	DMH Letter No. 03-03	

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
7e.	Regarding Documentation Standards:		
	1) Is the required documentation timeliness/frequency for <i>Day Treatment Intensive</i> or <i>Day Rehabilitation</i> being met?		
	<ul> <li>A. For <i>Day Treatment Intensive</i> services:</li> <li>Daily progress notes on activities; <u>and</u></li> <li>A weekly clinical summary</li> </ul>		
	<ul><li>B. For Day Rehabilitation services:</li><li>Weekly progress note</li></ul>		

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	<ul> <li>2) Do all entries in the beneficiary's medical record include:</li> <li>A. The date(s) of service;</li> <li>B. The signature of the person providing the service (or electronic equivalent);</li> <li>C. The person's type of professional degree, licensure or job title;</li> <li>D. The date of signature;</li> <li>E. The date the documentation was entered in the beneficiary record; and</li> </ul>	
	F. The total number of minutes/hours the be	eneficiary actually attended the program?
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.212	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.318
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.213	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.360
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b)	MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)	DMH Letter No. 03-03

	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS		
7f.	<ul> <li>7f. Regarding the Written Program Description:         <ol> <li>Is there a Written Program Description for Day Treatment Intensive and Day Rehabilitation?</li> <li>A. Does the Written Program Description describe the specific activities of each service and reflect each of the required components of the services as described in the MHP Contract.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
	2) Is there a Mental Health Crisis Protocol?		
<ul> <li>3) Is there a <u>Written Weekly Schedule?</u></li> <li>A. Does the <u>Written Weekly Schedule</u>: <ul> <li>(a) Identify when and where the service components will be provided and by whom; <u>and</u></li> <li>(b) Specify the program staff, their qualifications, and the scope of their services?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
•	CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.212 CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1810.213 CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.112(b) CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.314(d)(e)	<ul> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.318</li> <li>CCR, title 9, chapter 11, section 1840.360</li> <li>MHP Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I</li> <li>DMH Letter No. 03-03</li> </ul>	