



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 27, 2011

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: The Department of Health Care Services and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs

SUBJECT: **SAVE THE DATE: Stakeholder Meeting Regarding the Transfer of the Drug Medi-Cal Program to the Department of Health Care Services**

California's Health Budget Trailer Bill for Fiscal Year 2011-12 (Assembly Bill 106) directs the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to create a state administrative and programmatic transition plan to guide the transfer of the Drug Medi-Cal Program to DHCS, effective July 1, 2012. The bill also requires the departments to convene a series of meetings and forums with stakeholders with the intent to inform the creation of the transition plan.

The first stakeholder meeting is scheduled as follows. We invite your attendance in person, or by telephone, and recommend that you review the attached Assembly Bill 106 excerpt prior to the meeting. We will distribute the meeting agenda and any other materials in advance of the meeting.

DATE: Wednesday, July 13, 2011
TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 pm
LOCATION: 1500 Capitol Avenue (corner of 15th & Capitol), Auditorium
Sacramento, CA
CALL-IN NUMBER: A call-in number will be provided prior to the meeting.
PARKING: Metered parking is available on most streets. Please see the attached information for nearby parking lots.

No RSVP to this meeting invitation is required.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to submit your comments in writing, please send by July 12, 2011 to:

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Please feel free to forward this meeting notice to other interested parties.

Attachments

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1700 K St, Sacramento, CA
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Ampco System Parking
1100 J St, Sacramento, CA
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Ampco System Parking
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(916) 441-5213
0.3 mi N

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1303 J St, Sacramento, CA
(916) 446-4292
0.3 mi N

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830 L St, Sacramento, CA
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Priority Parking Services
1117 J St, Sacramento, CA
(916) 441-0223
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Assembly Bill 106.

Excerpt addressing the transfer of the Drug Medi-Cal Program to DHCS

SEC. 63. Section 14021.30 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

14021.30. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer to the State Department of Health Care Services, no later than July 1, 2012, the administration of the Drug Medi-Cal program from the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. It is further the intent of the Legislature that this transfer should happen efficiently and effectively, with no unintended interruptions in service delivery. This transfer is intended to do all of the following:

(1) Improve access to alcohol and drug treatment services, including a focus on recovery and rehabilitation services.

(2) More effectively integrate the financing of services, including the receipt of federal funds.

(3) Improve state accountability and outcomes.

(4) Provide focused, high-level leadership for behavioral health services.

(b) Effective July 1, 2012, the administrative functions for the Drug Medi-Cal program that were previously performed by the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs are transferred to the department.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the department and the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs may conduct transition activities prior to July 1, 2012, that are necessary to ensure the efficient and effective transfer of Drug Medi-Cal program functions by that date in accordance with the transition plan described in Section 14021.31.

SEC. 64. Section 14021.31 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

14021.31. (a) The department, in collaboration with the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, shall develop an administrative and programmatic transition plan to guide the transfer of the Drug Medi-Cal program to the department effective July 1, 2012.

(1) Commencing no later than July 15, 2011, the department, together with the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, shall convene stakeholders to receive input from consumers, family members, providers, counties, and representatives of the Legislature concerning the transfer of the administration of Drug Medi-Cal functions currently performed by the State Department Alcohol and Drug Programs to the department. This consultation shall inform the creation of an administrative and programmatic transition plan that shall include, but is not limited to, the following components:

(A) Plans for how to review monthly billing from counties to monitor and prevent any disruptions of service to Drug Medi-Cal beneficiaries during and immediately after the transition, and a description of how the department intends to approach the longer-term development of measures for access and quality of service.

(B) A detailed description of the Drug Medi-Cal administrative functions currently performed by the State Department of Alcohol and Drug programs.

(C) Explanations of the operational steps, timelines, and key milestones for determining when and how each of these functions will be transferred. These explanations shall also be developed for the transition of position and staff serving the Drug Medi-Cal program and how these will relate to and align with positions for the Medi-Cal program at the department. The department shall consult with the Department of Personnel Administration in developing this aspect of the transition plan.

(D) A list of any planned or proposed changes or efficiencies in how the functions will be performed, including the anticipated fiscal and programmatic impacts of the changes.

(E) A detailed organization chart that reflects the planned staffing at the department, taking into account the requirements of subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, and includes focused, high-level leadership for behavioral health issues.

(F) A description of how stakeholders were included in the initial planning process to formulate the transition plan, and a description of how their feedback will be taken into consideration after transition activities are underway.

(2) The department, together with the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, shall convene and consult with stakeholders at least once following production of a draft of the transition plan and before submission of that plan to the Legislature. Continued consultation with stakeholders shall occur in accordance with the requirement in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1).

(3) The department shall provide the transition plan described in paragraph (1) to all fiscal committees and appropriate policy committees of the Legislature by October 1, 2011, and shall provide additional updates to the Legislature during budget subcommittee hearings after that date, as necessary.

(b) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) is inoperative on October 1, 2015, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.