Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver Update

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is seeking an 1115 Demonstration Waiver for the Substance Use Disorder Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Program. The overall purpose of the Waiver is to create a model that will provide an Organized Delivery System of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services. This Waiver will be an amendment to California's existing section 1115 Bridge to Reform Waiver.

In October 2014, DHCS released a second draft of the Special Terms and Conditions. On November 3, 2014, DHCS held a Waiver Advisory Group to discuss with stakeholders the proposed financial provisions of the waiver. The topics discussed included the budget neutrality, shared financing model, readiness assessment and implementation plan. Meeting agendas, handouts and the 2nd draft STC's are available at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/MH-SUD-UpcomingMeetings.aspx. All stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments to: MHSUDStakeholderInput@dhcs.ca.gov

On November 21, 2014, DHCS submitted a proposal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of California's Section 1115 "Bridge to Reform" Demonstration to make improvements to the Drug-Medi-Cal (DMC) service delivery system. The amendment request and supporting documents can be found on the DHCS Section 1115 Waiver – Bridge to Reform Resources webpage at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/1115-Bridge-to-Reform.aspx.