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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORALHEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORALHEALTH DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS
DRUG MEDI-CAL DIRECT CONTRACT PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DRUG MEDI-CAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

PURPOSE

This Information Notice transmits the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 reimbursement rates for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) services, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

DISCUSSION

These proposed rates, effective July 1, 2015, were developed in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 14021.51, 14021.6 and 14021.9. For FY 2015-16, the cumulative growth in the Implicit Price Deflator used to develop the proposed rates was 11.2 percent, as reported by the Department of Finance. These rates reflect the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS') analysis of costs for the non-Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) dosing DMC treatment modalities.

These rates are applicable to DMC services provided under current DMC regulations and do not necessarily apply to any services that would be provided by counties participating in the proposed Medicaid DMC Organized Delivery System Section 1115 Waiver.

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For billing DMC services for service dates on or after July 1, 2015, please refer to the following tables when populating the procedure and modifiers on the 837P electronic claim file of DMC claims submitted for adjudication.

Non-Perinatal Service Groups, Types and Billing Codes

Service	Service Type	Billing Codes		
		Procedure	Modifier	Modifier
IOT	Intensive Outpatient Treatment	H0015		
NAL	Naltrexone (NAL) generic	S5000	HG	
NAL	Naltrexone (NAL) brand name	S5001	HG	
NTP	NTP – Individual Counseling	H0004	HG	
NTP	NTP - Group Counseling	H0005	HG	
NTP	NTP - Methadone	H0020	HG	
ODF	ODF – Individual Counseling	H0004		
ODF	ODF – Group Counseling	H0005		

Perinatal Service Groups, Types and Billing Codes

Service	Service Type	Billing Codes		
		Procedure	Modifier	Modifier
IOT	Intensive Outpatient Treatment	H0015	HD	
NTP	NTP – Individual Counseling	H0004	HD	HG
NTP	NTP - Group Counseling	H0005	HD	HG
NTP	NTP - Methadone	H0020	HD	HG
ODF	ODF – Individual Counseling	H0004	HD	
ODF	ODF – Group Counseling	H0005	HD	
RES	Residential - Short-Term	H0018	HD	
RES	Residential – Long-Term	H0019	HD	

REFERENCES

Sections 51516.1, Title 22, California Code of Regulations
Sections 14021.51, 14021.6 and 14021.9, Welfare and Institutions Code

HISTORY

Section 51516.1, Title 22, California Code of Regulations

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

Questions regarding the DMC rates may be directed to Eric Martinez at (916) 327-2698 or Eric.Martinez@dhcs.ca.gov.

EXHIBIT

Exhibit: Proposed Drug Medi-Cal Rates for Fiscal Year 2015-16

Additional copies of this notice and its exhibits may be downloaded from the DHCS website at: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/MHSUDS-InfoNotices.aspx

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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