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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS  
COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION  
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM WAIVER APPROVAL

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announces the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of California's Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver amendment which provides a continuum of care for substance use disorder treatment services. The DMC-ODS enables more local control and accountability, provides greater administrative oversight, creates utilization controls to improve care and efficient use of resources, implements evidence based practices in substance abuse treatment, and coordinates with other systems of care.

DMC-ODS waiver program participating counties will administer, or arrange for substance use disorder treatment for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The DMC-ODS demonstration waiver will be effective for five years.

DHCS will implement the DMC-ODS through a regional approach with five phases. Initially, DHCS will focus on Phase One (Bay Area) Counties, then will continue with Phase Two (Southern California), Phase Three (Central Valley), Phase Four (Northern California), and lastly Phase Five (Tribal Partners). The State Implementation Plan and Standard Terms and Conditions for the DMC-ODS are located at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Drug-Medi-Cal-Organized-Delivery-System.aspx>

Sincerely,

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