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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: ADDITION OF WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT (DETOX) SERVICES

Through the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), providers may choose to expand withdrawal management/detoxification (WM) services. This letter transmits the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requirements, processes and procedures for interested providers to implement these services.

The provision of WM requires either a residential license or outpatient alcohol and other drug (AOD) certification. A license or AOD certification may be obtained by submitting an application to DHCS's Substance Use Disorder Compliance Division. Once the application is deemed complete and approved, an on-site visit is conducted by DHCS staff.

If a new provider chooses to provide WM services in conjunction with either a license and/or certification they may add that service at the time of their initial application to DHCS. The application can be accessed via internet at: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/Initial%20Provider%20Application.pdf.

Existing providers also have the option to add WM services to their existing license and/or certification. A request to amend the current license or certification must be submitted in writing to DHCS along with the following information and/or documentation:

- A revised program description that incorporates WM/detoxification services and addresses the requirement for having a least one person in the residential facility at all times that is CPR and first aid certified as stated in California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 10572(b)(1)
- A revised program description that incorporates WM/detoxification services as stated in the Alcohol and/or Other Drug Program Certification Standards, Section 16000 through 16030.

- A written protocol that states the procedures for management of clients that are accepted for WM/detoxification services.
- A revised staffing plan and staffing schedule. This document must reflect the specified WM/detoxification training for all staff personnel to provide accurate evaluation, WM/detoxification and referral services to all clients that are accepted for residential and outpatient WM/detoxification services.
- A floor plan (for residential only) that clearly identifies the location of the WM/detox beds.

In order to provide withdrawal management/detoxification services for the DMC-ODS, providers must obtain the following licensing and certification requirements:

ASAM Level	**Provider**	**Certifications and/or Licenses Required**
1 – WM Ambulatory Withdrawal Management w/out extended on-site monitoring	DHCS Certified Outpatient Facility	-AOD Certification with a non-residential detox service authorization -DMC Outpatient Certification
2 – WM Ambulatory Withdrawal Management with extended on-site monitoring	DHCS Certified Outpatient Facility	-AOD Certification with non-residential detox service authorization -DMC Outpatient Certification
3.2 – WM Residential/Inpatient Withdrawal Management	DHCS Licensed Residential Facility	-DHCS Residential License with detox service authorization -DMC Residential Certification
3.7 – WM Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management	Chemical Dependency Recovery Hospital or Free Standing psychiatric hospital	-Licensure by Department of Public Health
4.0 – WM Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Withdrawal Management	Chemical Dependency Recovery Hospital or Free Standing psychiatric hospital	-Licensure by Department of Public Health

If you have any questions regarding the submission of your application or documentation, contact Janelle Ito Orille at janelle.ito-orille@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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