

# 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Services Growth Special Account Stakeholder Meeting

California Department of Health Care Services

Conference Call: April 21, 2015

10:00 to 11:00 pm

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4. Stakeholder Input on Factors for Allocating Growth
  - Written comments welcomed. Please send to:  
[Allocation-Input@DHCS.CA.GOV](mailto:Allocation-Input@DHCS.CA.GOV) by close of business  
Thursday, April 30, 2015.
  - Discussion
5. Next Steps

# Background: 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Subaccount

- SB 1020 (Statutes of 2012) created the permanent structure for 2011 Realignment.
- It codified the Behavioral Health Subaccount, which funds:
  - Specialty Mental Health
  - Drug Medi-Cal
  - Residential perinatal drug services and treatment
  - Drug court operations
  - Other non-Drug Medi-Cal programs

*(Government Code Section 30025 (f)(16)(B))*

# Background: 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Subaccount

- The Behavioral Health Subaccount contains: \$1.046 billion for 2014-15.
- Allocations of Realignment funds run on a fiscal year of October 1 – September 30.
- They are monthly allocations to counties from the State Controller's Office.

# Background: 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Subaccount

- The Department of Finance develops schedules, in consultation with appropriate state agencies and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), for the allocation of Behavioral Health Subaccount funds to the counties.

# 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Subaccount Allocations for 2014-15

- The base has not yet been set, as the State assesses the expenditures by county for these programs.
- By starting with the amount distributed to each county in fiscal year 2013-14, the allocation schedule ensures that each county will receive at least as much as it received in the prior year.

# 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Subaccount

- Funds distributed to counties from the Behavioral Health Subaccount can only be used for SMHS including EPSDT benefit and the following substance use disorder programs: Drug Medi-Cal, non-Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse treatment programs, drug court operations and services, and perinatal drug services and treatment:
  - The updated allocation schedule was effective September 2014 for 2014-15.
  - The Medi-Cal SMHS program including the EPSDT benefit and the Drug Medi-Cal program are federal entitlements.
  - Counties are required to provide all SMHS and Drug Medi-Cal services to which Medi-Cal beneficiaries are entitled without caps.



# Background: 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Services Growth Special Account

- The Department of Finance develops schedules, in consultation with appropriate state agencies and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), for the allocation of Behavioral Health Services Growth Special Account.

# Background: 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Services Growth Special Account

- The Behavioral Health Services Growth Special Account is estimated to have:
  - \$60.1 million (Actual) from FY 2013-14
  - \$146.7 million (Estimated) from FY 2014-15
  - \$140.9 million (Estimated) from FY 2015-16

# Background: 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Services Growth Special Account

- This growth revenue can only be used for the programs funded by the Behavioral Health Subaccount.
- First priority for growth are the federal entitlement programs: Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health and Drug Medi-Cal.

# Stakeholder Input on Factors for Allocating Growth

- What should be the factor(s) for allocating growth?  
Why?
- How would the factor(s) be measured?
- How should the factors be prioritized / weighted?

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  - Please Press \*1 to provide your input on the factors for allocating growth funds*

# Next Steps

- Written comments welcomed. Please send to: [Allocation-Input@DHCS.CA.GOV](mailto:Allocation-Input@DHCS.CA.GOV) by Thursday, April 30, 2015.
- DHCS will take into account input received from stakeholders.
- DHCS will then consult with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and its affiliates, and the Department of Finance in developing a schedule for growth allocations.

# Next Steps

- Goal is for the Department of Finance to send the schedule for growth allocations to the State Controller's Office mid-May 2015, for distribution to the counties in May 2015.
- DHCS will communicate the final growth allocations to stakeholders through an information notice.