

DHCS Responses to Follow-Up Items from February 25

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<p>Waiver Update: Dental <i>Kim Lewis, National Health Law Program:</i> Is the dental home idea is simply about continuity of care? Is part of this is looking at the experience of consumers with their dental care?</p>	<p><i>Rene Mollow, DHCS:</i> The goal is to keep patients with the same dental provider. We had not considered a consumer experience piece, but it is important and we can take it under consideration</p>	<p><i>The local dental pilot program could potentially incorporate additional criteria for dental continuity of care; however, CMS does not have a specific measure at this time that would align with DHCS criteria.</i></p>
<p>Waiver Update: Whole Person Care Pilots <i>Rusty Selix, CA Council of Community Mental Health Agencies:</i> This advisory group reviewed data indicating that the small percentage of patients accounting for the vast majority of cost have mental illness. I have been told that two thirds of these people are not in the county mental health system –</p>	<p><i>Sarah Brooks, DHCS:</i> We expect local entities to have conversations about these topics and we can look to see how we can support the discussion from the state-level. There are privacy considerations but we will look at it.</p>	<p><i>DHCS is continuing to work on information-sharing guidelines, and expects to share material on the issue later this year.</i></p>

<p>their only contact with mental health system may be inpatient. Is there a way that we can produce a breakdown on the data and share who these clients are so we can work locally to understand the population?</p>		
<p>Waiver Update: Designated State Health Programs <i>Gary Passmore, CA Congress of Seniors:</i> Do you have any data on which populations those are?</p>	<p><i>Mari Cantwell, DHCS:</i> Yes, the eligibility groups are listed in attachment C.</p>	<p>The data on populations can be found on the Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver Resources webpage. http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/WaiverRenewal.aspx</p>
<p>Waiver Update: Access Assessment: <i>Brenda Premo, Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy:</i> Access has to do with anything that will prohibit the patient from being able to participate in care. We need to go beyond time and distance. What we are really</p>	<p><i>Mari Cantwell, DHCS:</i> That this really is the goal of having the committee - to inform what we need to look at. We appreciate this kind of input.</p>	<p>The Access Assessment Advisory Committee will consider additional criteria.</p>

<p>talking about is total ability to benefit equitably from the services provided. What can we do to ensure that we are defining and measuring access more broadly?</p>		
<p>Enrollment Update: <i>Kim Lewis, National Health Law Program:</i> Thank you for the information. CMS said they encourage states to post this information online. Will you be doing this? Is there a way to find out from counties what is the reason behind the lack of a determination?</p>	<p><i>Rene Mollow, DHCS:</i> We will share out the information and will post it on the consumer-focus web site. There is no way to find out the more detailed information or to track the details.</p>	<p>The link to the latest enrollment data can be found on the Consumer-Focused Stakeholder Workgroup webpage. http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medicaid/eligibility/Pages/DHCS-Consumer--Focused-Stakholder-Workgroup-CFSW.aspx</p>
<p>SB 75 Update: <i>Rusty Selix, CA Council of Community Mental Health Agencies:</i> How does the financing of mental health work given that it is realigned?</p>	<p><i>Jennifer Kent, DHCS:</i> We accounted for it. It will be a responsibility of counties once they receive full scope coverage.</p> <p><i>Mari Cantwell, DHCS:</i> We may have built in general</p>	<p>The cost of mental health under the SB 75 expansion was included in the General Fund budget.</p>

	fund consideration for the cost of mental health under the program.	
Health Home Program Update: <i>Kristen Golden Testa, The Children's Partnership/100% Campaign:</i> Will the RFI's and responses be publicly available?	<i>Brian Hansen, DHCS:</i> The survey is available but we need to check on responses.	<i>DHCS will share the final health homes applications that are approved.</i>