

## Medicare Advantage Plan Preliminary Process Steps

1. Mental Health Plan obtains the certification letter certifying that the plan provides no additional coverage for specialty mental health services beyond that which is provided by FFS Medicare. The certification letter must include the following information:

- a. The Medicare Advantage plan name;
- b. Federal contract number; and
- c. Calendar year(s) of service to which it applies, which must not include any year of service later than the year following the date of the letter.



2. The MHP sends certification letter to MedCCC at Mental Health Services Division, County Customer Service Section at: [MedCCC@DHCS.CA.GOV](mailto:MedCCC@DHCS.CA.GOV) using the subject line: "FFS-Equivalent Coverage Certification."



3. MedCCC ensures the SDMC system will treat the plan as a FFS-equivalent plan when adjudicating services for the service dates covered by the certification letter.