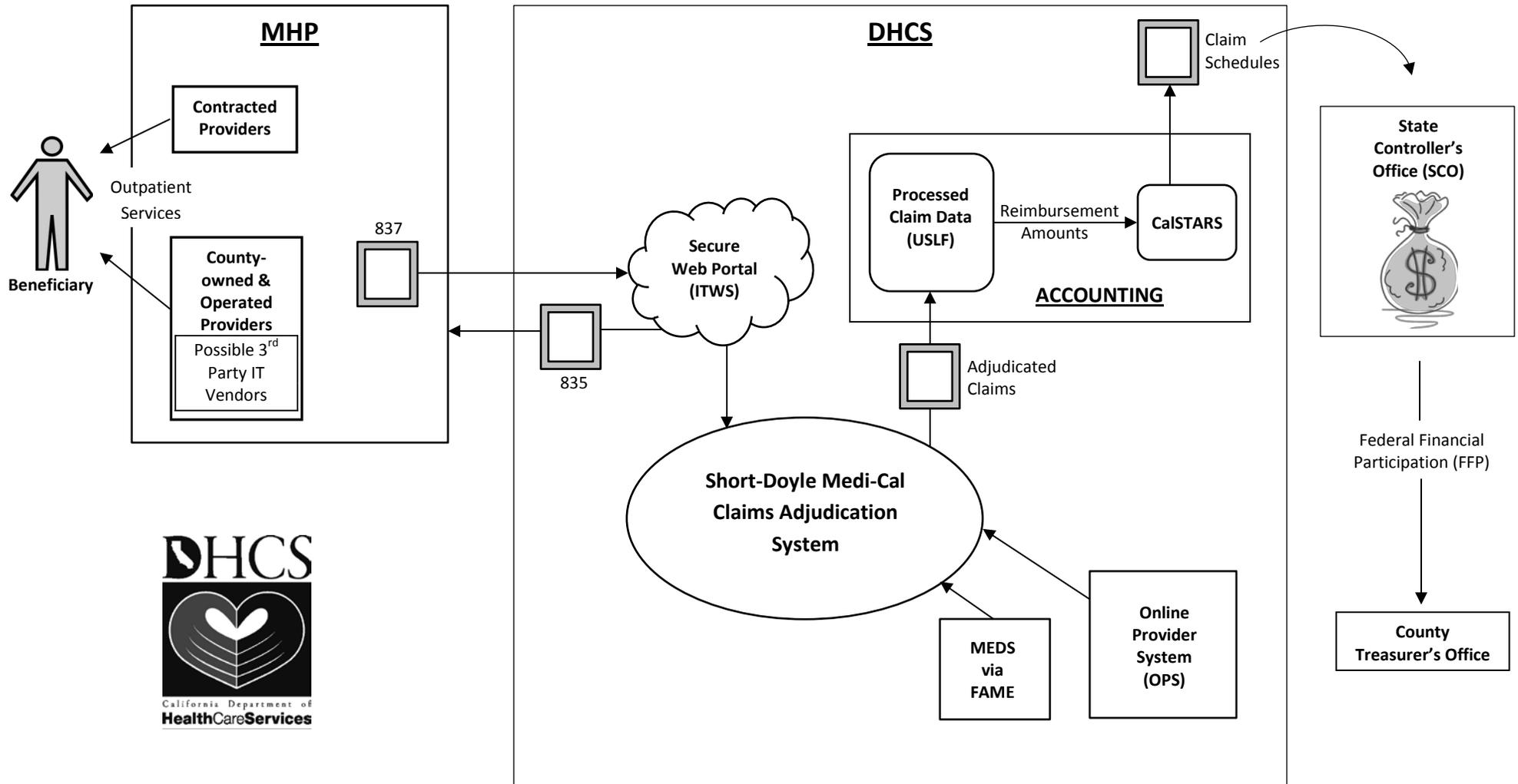


High-Level SDMC Claim Processing System Flow



A claim in the **Short-Doyle Medi-Cal (SDMC) Claim System** is a request from a County Mental Health Plan for the reimbursement of costs for specialty mental health services provided to an eligible Medi-Cal beneficiary. DHCS receives SDMC claims from the MHP in an electronic file (837) via secure web portal (ITWS). DHCS validates that the 837 is accompanied by a valid Certification of Public Expenditure (1982A) and forwards the claim for adjudication by the SDMC system.

The SDMC system performs various edits, including validating service provider certification and beneficiary eligibility, to determine the reimbursement due to the MHP. Claims processed in the SDMC system are either approved for payment or denied. For denied claims, a Claim Payment Advice (835) file is returned immediately to the MHP. For approved claims, an 835 is returned to the MHP once payment has been made by the State Controller's Office (SCO).