

Specialty Mental Health Services State Plan Amendment (SPA) #09-004 Stakeholder Meetings

Purpose

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) are working collaboratively to update sections of California's Medicaid State Plan related to Specialty Mental Health Services. The overall goal of this process is to bring the State Plan up to date with current practice and provide more detailed descriptions as required by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Process and Proposed Timeline

The following table outlines the process for completing the current State Plan Amendment (SPA) #09-004, planned activities and deliverables, and planned timeframes.

Activity or Deliverable	Date
Initial stakeholder meeting.	6/25/10
Comments due from stakeholders in response to information and materials provided at initial stakeholder meeting.	7/19/10
Web posting of stakeholder meeting materials (i.e. meeting notes, handouts, question and answer documents, etc.).	Ongoing
Second stakeholder meeting.	7/30/10
Comments due from stakeholders in response to items discussed at 7/30/10 stakeholder meeting.	8/16/10
Responses to comments from stakeholders (re 7/30/10 meeting) will be provided.	9/03/10
Revise SPA documents as necessary based on CMS guidance and stakeholder input and provide draft to stakeholders.	To be determined
Additional SPA stakeholder meetings.	Ongoing as needed – Date(s) to be determined
Identify action items and discuss the best methodology for future implementation.	Starting September 2010 and Ongoing
Submit final SPA language to CMS for approval.	Proposed Date 12/31/10