

Specialty Mental Health Services State Plan Amendment (SPA) 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) related to Coverage, 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
Third stakeholder meeting (Continuation of 7/30/10 Agenda).	8/6/10
Comments due from stakeholders in response to items discussed at 7/30/10 stakeholder meeting.	8/16/10
EPSDT SPA Conference Call	8/24/10
Post responses to comments from stakeholders.	9/29/10
Post revised SPA documents (revisions based on CMS guidance and stakeholder input).	10/1/10
Final stakeholder meeting	10/6/10
Submit Coverage and TCM SPA Language to CMS (considered draft)	10/29/10
Receive CMS feedback on 10/29/10 submission	On or before 1/27/11*
Respond to Request for Additional Information (RAI) (if applicable).	TBD Depending on Date of an RAI*
Submit final documents to CMS.	TBD Depending on Date of CMS Response
Anticipated CMS approval of SPAs.	On or before 4/27/11*
Identify action items and discuss the best methodology for future implementation.	Spring 2011

* CMS has up to 90 days to respond to the State after SPA submittal. The State has up to 90 days to respond to an RAI if an RAI is issued. Therefore, the approval process could take a maximum of 180 days.