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TO: California Community Transitions Program Director

SUBJECT: Quality of Life (QOL) Survey End Dates

**PURPOSE**

This CCT Guidance Letter (GL) provides California Community Transitions (CCT) Lead Organizations (LOs) with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) guidance on final dates for conducting QOL surveys.

**BACKGROUND**

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010, the Money Follows the Person (MFP) rebalancing demonstration was amended to extend the demonstration through September 30, 2016. The ACA also authorized unused grant funds awarded in 2016 to continue to be used through FY 2020. In California, continued access to MFP grant funds through 2020 will allow CCT transitions to continue through December 31, 2018, and follow up services to continue through December 31, 2019. A separate Policy Letter (PL) is being developed to provide additional information about the MFP extension.

States are required to continue to fulfill all grant reporting requirements through September 30, 2020; however, because 2016 is the last year of the demonstration that will be included in the MFP national survey, QOL surveys will no longer be required after the dates included below:

<u>QOL Survey</u>	<u>Last Day to Submit each Type of QOL Survey</u>
Baseline	May 31, 2016
First Follow-up	December 31, 2016
Second Follow-up	December 31, 2016

## **GUIDANCE**

As of June 1, 2016:

1. CCT LOs should no longer conduct Baseline QOL surveys, and state Nurse Evaluators will no longer approve Treatment Authorization Requests (TAR) for Baseline QOLs conducted after May 31, 2016.
2. Hardcopy and electronic Baseline QOLs should be retained for at least one year after the date of the interview. After one year, the hardcopy and electronic Baseline QOLs should be destroyed.

As of January 1, 2017:

1. CCT LOs should no longer conduct follow up QOL surveys, and state Nurse Evaluators will no longer approve Treatment Authorization Requests (TAR) for follow up QOLs conducted after December 31, 2016.
2. Hardcopy and electronic follow up QOLs should be retained for at least one year after the date of the interview. After one year, the hardcopy and electronic follow up QOLs should be destroyed.

## **RESOURCES**

QOL reference materials posted to the CCT webpage have been updated to reflect the final dates for QOL surveys.

The CCT webpage is available at: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/CCT.aspx>.

## **QUESTIONS**

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Sincerely,

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