



Department of Health Care Services



Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) Services

Stakeholder Webinar
Tuesday, December 22, 2015
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Welcome



Today's Presenters:

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Today's Presentation



- **Welcome**
- **Updates:**
 - **State Plan Amendment 14-026 Negotiations**
 - **1915(c) Developmentally Disabled Waiver Amendment**
 - **All Plan Letter 15-025**
 - **BHT Transition Plan**
 - **LA County Transition Plan**
 - **Monitoring**
- **Next Steps**
- **Questions and Responses**

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- **State Plan Amendment 14-026 Negotiations and CMS Approval**
- **1915(c) Developmentally Disabled Waiver Amendment**
- **All Plan Letter 15-025**
 - **Background and Policy**
 - **Continuity of Care**
 - **Other Health Coverage**
 - **Outbound Call Campaign**
 - **Criteria for BHT Services**
 - **Covered Services**
 - **Reimbursement**
 - **Reporting and Monitoring**



- **BHT Transition Plan**

- **Fee-for-Service Beneficiaries will all transition in February 2016**
- **Three (3) transition tracks for managed care over a six-month period:**
 - **Counties with fewer than 100 beneficiaries – all beneficiaries transition at once on 2/1/16**
 - **Counties with 100 or more beneficiaries - begin the transition on 2/1/16 by the beneficiary's birth month over a period of 6 months**

Birth Month	Transition Start Month
January – February	February
March – April	March
May – June	April
July – August	May
September – October	June
November – December	July



- **BHT Transition Plan (cont.)**
 - **LA County Transition Plan**
 - **Beneficiaries will transition by RC over a period of six months.**

Transition Month	Regional Center
February	South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
March	Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
April	Harbor Regional Center Westside Regional Center
May	San Gabriel Regional Center Pomona Regional Center
June	Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center
July	North Los Angeles Regional Center

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- **BHT Transition Plan (cont.)**
 - **Notices**
 - 60 day notices were mailed December 1st
 - 30 days notices will be mailed January 1st
 - **Ongoing weekly Plan calls**
 - **Biweekly calls with the Plans and regional centers**

Monitoring

- Access and timeliness of BHT services
 - Both DHCS and the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) regulate managed care health plans for timely access of care.
 - DHCS assesses health plans for compliance with timely access to care through an annual audit process. The results of each audit and the subsequent corrective action plans are posted to the DHCS website.
 - DMHC also conducts an annual timely access assessment and posts the results to their website.
 - Additionally, DHCS conducts enhanced monitoring of health plans during transitions. At a minimum, DHCS will collect the following data on a monthly basis for the first six months of the transition:
 - Provider networks capacity changes
 - Continuity of care approvals and denials
 - Authorized hours by provider type
 - Services provided by age
 - Number of hours to complete an assessment
 - Grievances and appeals
 - Call center data related to BHT
 - Health plan outreach and education call campaign.
 - After the first six months of the transition is completed, DHCS will assess whether or not to continue to collect the data on a monthly basis or move to quarterly.



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Monitoring

- Access and timeliness of BHT services (cont.)
 - DHCS is in the process of certifying all health plan provider networks for to validate that each health plan has the capacity to serve anticipated utilization rates.
 - DHCS is required to send the network certification results to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval.
 - Network certification requirements are outlined in CFR 438.206, 438.207, and 438.214.

Next Steps



- **BHT 2015-16 Rate Development for Managed Care Plans**
- **Managed Care Plan Contract Amendments**

References



- BHT Transition Plan
www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Documents/BHT_Transition_Plan_Final.pdf
- LA County Transition Plan
www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Documents/LA_County_Transition_Plan_Final.pdf
- Transition Schedule
www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Documents/BHT_Transition_Rollout_Schedule_final.pdf
- FAQs
www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Documents/BHT_FAQ.pdf

Questions and Responses



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