

Summary of Stakeholder Comments

Addressing the Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program

Through various stakeholder meetings, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (DADP) received input regarding the transfer of the DMC Treatment Program, including desired improvements. Stakeholders included county program administrators, treatment providers, trade associations, professional groups and interested individuals. Beyond the specific concerns and recommendations listed below, stakeholders repeatedly stressed ensuring that substance use disorder (SUD) drug programs remain a high priority within the Administration with adequate representation and resources to serve communities.

The following is a summary of the input provided from stakeholders. Please see the DHCS website at www.dhcs.ca.gov or [click here](#), for a complete listing of comments received by the department. Additionally, please check the DADP website at www.adp.ca.gov or [click here](#), for comments they received during their stakeholder processes.

Expansion of Services

- Expand the types of services reimbursable by DMC Treatment Program.
 - Broaden Medication Assisted Treatment options
 - Increase flexibility regarding the number of clients permitted in group counseling sessions that may be billed to Medi-Cal
 - Permit all SUD clients to utilize residential treatment options
 - Reimburse two treatments in one day
 - Encourage the use of the social model (as opposed to a medical model) of treatment
 - Reimburse for:
 - Counseling of family members
 - Drug testing
 - HIV & Hepatitis testing
 - Greater collaboration of treatments for those clients with Co-Occurring Disorders
- Adopt Medicaid's Rehabilitative Service Option for SUD treatment.
- Provide SUD services under Medi-Cal's managed care option.

Billing

- Streamline the billing process.
- Conform DMC Treatment Program billing to that of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services.
- Allow more time to submit claims.

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Billing (continued)

- Clarify policies regarding Minor Consent¹, and dual eligible² clients
- Accept credit card payments for narcotic treatment program (NTP) slot fees.

Rate Setting

- Keep the establishment of rates as a state-level function to prevent disparate rates amongst the counties.
- Increase the reimbursement rates.

Regulations

- Update the regulations covering DMC Treatment Program.
- Eliminate Title 22 (DMC) & Title 9 (NTP) regulations and defer to federal regulations.

DMC Certification

- Streamline the certification process.
- Substitute either national or Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for provider certification.

Adjudication of Denials of Payments

- Improve the timing and transparency of claims denials.

Cost Reports

- Eliminate cost reports.

¹ Minor Consent is a state program that provides certain health care services to individuals under the age of 18 without those individuals' parents or guardians consent. (Cal. Family Code 6929)

² Dual eligibility refers to those enrolled in Medicare and Medi-Cal.