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Los Angeles County Regional Center Transition Plan

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Beginning February 1, 2015, beneficiaries assigned to a Medi-Cal managed care health plan (MCP) will have the responsibility for their Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) services transitioned from their Regional Center to their MCP. This is in response to guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in July 2014. The transition will occur over a six-month period with most counties transitioning beneficiaries by birth month. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Department of Developmental Services (DDS) have determined that beneficiaries should be transitioned by Regional Center in Los Angeles County and not birth month. The process in Los Angeles is different because of the unique characteristics of the county including it being the most populous county and that there are seven Regional Centers serving beneficiaries in the geographic area.

MCPs and Regional Centers will work collaboratively to ensure a seamless transition for beneficiaries; they are committed to keeping the beneficiaries' care and needs at the forefront. In determining the transition schedule, consideration was given to the total number of beneficiaries needing to be transitioned over the six-month period, the number receiving services at each Regional Center, and the readiness of each Regional Center to begin the transition.

The order in which the transition is scheduled is as follows:

Transition Start	Regional Center	Est. # of beneficiaries to transition from each regional center as of the Transition Start date
February 2016	South Central Los Angeles Regional Center	156
March 2016	Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center	546
April 2016	Harbor Regional Center and Westside Regional Center	489
May 2016	San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center	563
June 2016	Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center	583
July 2016	North Los Angeles Regional Center	871

Additional information about the transition of beneficiaries in other counties will be released during the week of November 2nd. The initial draft of this broader BHT transition plan can be found here.

Your comments to the above Transition Plan are welcomed by **Friday, November 6** to Bambi.Cisneros@dhcs.ca.gov.

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