

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Current DHCS Functions for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services

Policy/Programmatic Functions

- Single State Agency Roles and Responsibilities
 - Compliance with federal laws and regulations
 - Issue policies, rules, and regulations on program matters.
 - Policy review, analysis and interpretation
 - Administer or supervise the administration of the State Plan
 - Inter/intra departmental liaison and subject matter expert
- Specialty Mental Health Services Waiver
 - Prepare (in collaboration with DMH), review and submit waiver renewal applications and amendments.
 - Responsible for administrative oversight
 - Respond to federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) inquiries
 - Monitor cost effectiveness and programmatic functions
 - Consult with Indian Health Programs
 - Develop State Plan Amendments
 - Assist with planning and participate in stakeholder meetings
 - Review and submit to CMS the Mental Health Plans (MHP) Contract
 - Develop, revise and oversee the Interagency Agreement
 - Review County Information Notices and other Medi-Cal mental health related information
 - Prepare reports and responses for Department, Agency, Legislature and CMS
 - Provide support and assistance with litigation and law suits

Fiscal/Financial Functions

- Provide policy guidance regarding implementation and system changes/updates for the Short Doyle/Medi-Cal II system
- Review, approve and process invoices for payment
- Draw down federal financial participation
- Facilitate processing of encumbrances
- Conduct federal mandated reporting (CMS 64 Reports, Per Member Per Month, Quarterly Reconciliation)
- Address issues related to CMS Deferrals and Overpayments, Recoupment and Payback
- Respond to CMS audit findings and inquiries related to financial reporting
- Provide guidance on federal certification and certified public expenditure requirements
- Prepare Medi-Cal fiscal/policy budget assumptions
- Review, approve and coordinate aid code updates
- Review and approve county school-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities plans
- Development of supplemental payment program

Legal Services

- Provide legal consultation, review and analysis on programmatic and fiscal aspects
- Review and approve waiver renewals and amendments
- Review and approve State Plan Amendments
- Participates in litigation and law suits

IT Support

- SD/MC II roll-out, system changes, updates, and guidance
- Participate in state and county SD/MC II task groups
- Add/update rates for fee-for-service/Medi-Cal (FFS/MC) hospitals (rates are developed by DMH)
- Update master file for FFS/MC hospitals
- SD/MC II Activities
 - Business Analysis
 - Contract Management
 - HIPAA subject matter expertise
 - County/trading partner outreach and training
 - System testing
 - Companion Guide Analysis
 - Claim reporting analysis

Audits/Investigations

- Receive referrals of suspected fraud, waste, and abuse from DMH and refer for investigation
 - Collaborate with DMH on investigations and/or to impose administrative sanctions
 - Refer to state and federal agencies for further enforcement as it relates to fraud, waste and abuse
 - Monitor MHP's and contractors for fraud, waste, abuse