



DRUG MEDI-CAL (DMC)

Overview

What is Drug Medi-Cal?

- Drug Medi-Cal is a treatment funding source for individuals who are Medi-Cal eligible (clients).
- In order for Drug Medi-Cal to pay for covered services, Medi-Cal clients must receive substance abuse services at a program that is Drug Medi-Cal Certified.
- Services funded by Drug Medi-Cal are listed in Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 51341.1. (d)(1-6).

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- Clients must have a primary medical diagnosis of chemical dependency provided by the program's Medical Director.
 - The physician may determine diagnosis through review of a health questionnaire and intake documents provided by the program OR conducting a physical exam.
 - Diagnostic tests may also be ordered by the physician (such as UA or Serology).
 - The physician also reviews treatment documents initially, at 30 days and at 90 days.
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What is DMC Certification?

- In order to receive reimbursement for alcohol and other drug treatment services provided to individuals who are Medi-Cal eligible a provider must become DMC certified.
- The first step is to submit an application packet to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).
- Visit the DHCS website at www.dhcs.ca.gov to view program requirements and to obtain application forms.

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Announcement

On December 19, 2012, DHCS learned that some Benefit Identification Cards mailed between December 10 and 18, 2012, were sent to the wrong recipients. DHCS sent notification letters to the impacted individuals and issued a press release (see below).

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Find out how to enroll as a provider. Get help with transactions services, such as claims processing and treatment authorizations. Find out about requests for grants, policies and guidelines, rates and publications, and bulletins and manuals.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Medi-Cal Billing FAQs (Not DHCS)
- Medi-Cal Drug Contracting
- Medi-Cal Drug Rebate
- Medi-Cal Provider Enrollment
- Privacy (Not DHCS)
- Mental Health
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Forms

- CCS Authorization Request Forms
- Family PACT Mail-In Application
- J-1 Visa Waiver Program
- Medi-Cal Mail-In Application MC 210
- Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility and Critical Access Grant Program (FLEX/CAH)
- **New** Provider Enrollment Application Packages by Provider Type
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Programs

- Dual Eligibles Coordinated Care Demonstration
- Family PACT
- Medi-Cal EHR Incentive Program

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

- Mental Health Services
- California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC)
- Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program

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- Medi-Cal Provider Information
- Mental Health Plan Cost Reporting

Publications

- Letters
- Medi-Cal Bulletins/Manuals
- Medi-Cal Data Files
- Mental Health Service Act FY 10/11 Annual Update Guidelines (PowerPoint)
- Policies and Guidelines
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Resources

- Directories
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Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Treatment Program

NOTE: We are currently under construction and therefore all content and/or links may not be currently available.

The Drug Medi-Cal Division is currently updating these web pages in an effort to enhance and streamline the information available through this website.

This page provides links to information for counties, direct providers, and those interested in becoming providers, about the requirements for participating in the DMC Treatment Program.

The DMC Treatment Program is available to answer your questions. Please contact us at: DMCAnswers@dhcs.ca.gov.

Please note:

Assembly Bill (AB) 106, which Governor Brown signed into law on June 28, 2011, required the transfer of the administration of the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Treatment Program from the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on July 1, 2012. Some web content available through links below may reference ADP. DHCS is currently working to update all web content.

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- Review all materials on the DMC links.
 - Become familiar with Standards and regulations as they apply to contracting, service provision and billing.

Need help?

- Free technical assistance is available for preparing your application and writing protocols, policies and procedures.
- Contact Alcohol and Other Drug Policy Institute (ADPI) at:
 - [E-mail: www.aodpolicy.org](http://www.aodpolicy.org)
 - Phone: (916) 572-8171



More help:

- Contact the Department of Health Care Services, Drug Medi-Cal Certification Unit at:
 - (916) 322-2911

Then what?

- A site visit will be conducted of your facility to determine that it meets health, safety and confidentiality requirements.
- Documents such as policies and procedures, personnel files, client files, etc. may be reviewed during the on-site visit.

How long does it take?

- From the date an application is accepted for review it can take up to 180 days to completion.

Reimbursement

- Funding source – 2011 Realignment Funds, Behavioral Health Subaccount
 - *(includes Medi-Cal Mental Health, Drug Medi-Cal, other services)*
- **County contract – services paid via a contract with county (or State if county doesn't administer DMC)**
 - Claims submitted electronically
 - Other reporting – client/patient info



Post-Service, Post-Payment Review

- Programmatic /clinical review – to Title 22 requirements
- Title 22, Section 51341.1
- Conducted on a periodic basis
- Recoupment of payments if services not in compliance with Title 22



Drug Medi-cal Reimbursement Rates

- Outpatient Drug Free, Day Care Rehabilitative, and Perinatal Residential - Providers are paid to the lower of the statewide maximum rate for the service, the usual and customary charges, or to the provider's actual, allowable costs.
- Narcotic Treatment Services – paid to the lower of the statewide rate or provider's usual and customary charges.



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