



**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)  
Substance Use Disorder Services (SUD) Expansion and Definition Changes  
State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-012  
Questions and Responses**

1. These are all beneficial changes to the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Program - however, are you aware of any Indian Health Programs or providers with DMC contracts? Indian Health Program access to DMC is a key issue that needs to be addressed.

**DHCS Response:** Currently the DHCS does not collect any information on whether providers applying for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) certification are Indian Health Programs, and as a result we are unable to determine whether any such programs have contracted with counties to provide DMC services. We agree with the questioner that access to DMC services is a critical issue and DHCS needs to be able to know whether Indian Health Programs are contracted to provide Native Americans as well as other populations with substance use disorder services. The DHCS is looking into ways to collect this information in the future.