



**August 12, 2013 Medi-Cal Tribal and Designee Teleconference Questions
Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-008
Amended Notice
Outpatient Mental Health Service Expansion**

1. Are Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) covered under this SPA?

DHCS Response: Yes, LCSWs will be able to provide these services.

2. Is this a change in direction from the current two-visit limit for psychology services?

DHCS Response: Yes, currently psychology services are limited to two visits per month or in combination with other services (acupuncture, chiropractic, occupational therapy, podiatry, speech and audiology). Effective January 1, 2014, medically necessary psychology services will be available to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries and the two-visit limit will not apply.

3. Will there be a limitation on the number of visits allowed per month?

DHCS Response: There will not be a limitation on the number of psychology visits allowed. Services will be provided as medically necessary.

4. What is the timeframe for this change?

DHCS Response: January 1, 2014

5. Will this service be a carve-out from Medi-Cal managed care or would these services go through Centene and Anthem Blue Cross?

DHCS Response: No, this service will not be a carve-out from managed care. Services will be provided by the Medi-Cal managed care plans.

6. Can you discuss a little more about what is meant by "without limitations?" what does that mean exactly?

DHCS Response: See DHCS Response to Question 3 above.