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TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
California Hospital Association
California Opioid Maintenance Providers
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations
County Behavioral Health Directors
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Administrative Day Rate for Fee-For-Service/Medi-Cal Hospitals and Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Hospitals for Calendar Year 2025 and 2026

PURPOSE: This Information Notice communicates to mental health plans (MHP) the administrative day rate paid to Fee-for-Service Hospitals and paid to MHPs for Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Hospitals.

REFERENCE: Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Section 1820.110

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BACKGROUND:

The rate of reimbursement for administrative day services for Fee-For-Service/Medi-Cal Hospitals and Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Hospitals is determined by the Department of Health Care Services in accordance with the [Medi-Cal State Plan](#).

POLICY:

Calendar Year 2025 and 2026 Reimbursement Rate for Administrative Day Services

The Administrative Day rate has changed from \$817.64 to **\$894.62 effective January 1, 2025.**

Rate for Administrative Day Services for Fee-for-Service and Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Hospitals

Effective July 1, 2023, the Administrative Day rate for Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service hospitals and Short-Doyle Medi-Cal hospitals will be the same rate, as published in this and future Information Notices.

DHCS will perform an erroneous payment correction (EPC) to correct rates paid for administrative days for Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service Hospitals. Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Hospitals must submit replacement claims for administrative days to update the claim amount.

Please contact the Behavioral Health Financing Rates & Estimates Unit at SDMCRates@dhcs.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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