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Behavioral Health Information Notice No: 25-032

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: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Program Review

PURPOSE: This Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) informs the counties of the 2026 MHSA Annual Program review process.

REFERENCE: BHIN 24-028; Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) sections [5897\(d\)](#), [5897\(e\)](#), and [5655](#).

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to WIC section 5897(d), The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is required to conduct program reviews of performance contracts to determine compliance with the terms of the contract. Each county's performance contract shall be reviewed at least once every three years, subject to available funding for this purpose.

POLICY:

DHCS will conduct program reviews of county MHSA programs and services for fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 which includes both a desk review and an on-site review. The 2026 MHSA review schedule is enclosed with this notice and identifies the on-site review date of the program review. DHCS will provide the county with submission instructions and a suggested list of documents prior to the start of the compliance review. The county is then required to submit these documents to DHCS as evidence of compliance with the statutes and regulations of MHSA and/or terms of the performance



contract related to the provision of mental health programs and services. Documents must be submitted on time and uploaded to the MOVEit system per the correct naming convention instructions to be considered for the review.

The desk review consists of a review of the submitted documents and the on-site review may include discussions with county staff/leadership, service providers, program visits, chart documentation review, client meetings, and housing visits and an exit conference.

DHCS will issue a Performance Review (PR) report that includes a description of any finding(s), recommendation(s), and suggested improvements.

If the County disagrees with any findings in the PR report, it must respond in writing within 15 business days by contacting DHCS at BHOMDMonitoring@dhcs.ca.gov.

A Plan of Correction (POC) addressing all findings is required and must be submitted to DHCS at MHSA@dhcs.ca.gov within 60 calendar days of receipt of receiving the PR report. DHCS will assess the proposed corrective action in the POC for compliance. If deemed insufficient the County must propose an alternative.

The County should not submit a POC before receiving the PR report.

DHCS will post POCs on its internet website, pursuant to WIC section 5897(e) and may withhold funds from any county that fails to comply with any provision of the Performance Contract, per WIC section 5655.

Please send questions about this BHIN to BHOMDMonitoring@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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MHSA PROGRAM REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR 2026

COUNTY	ON-SITE REVIEW DATES
Alameda	January 6-8, 2026
Contra Costa	January 6-8, 2026
Marin	February 10-12, 2026
Sonoma	February 10-12, 2026
Humboldt	March 17-18, 2026
Shasta	March 17-18, 2026
Merced	April 21-23, 2026
Stanislaus	April 21-23, 2026
Amador	May 27-28, 2026
Tehama	May 27-28, 2026
Nevada	June 30-July 1, 2026
San Mateo	June 30-July 2, 2026
Butte	August 4-6, 2026
San Francisco	August 4-6, 2026
Calaveras	September 9-10, 2026
Tuolumne	September 9-10, 2026
Santa Barbara	October 13-15, 2026
Ventura	October 13-15, 2026
Monterey	November 17-19, 2026
San Benito	November 17-18, 2026