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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: Final Reporting Timeline for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

PURPOSE: To provide Counties statutory reporting requirements during the MHSA to BHSA transition period, beginning January 1, 2025.

REFERENCE: Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) § [5847\(a\)](#); WIC § [5848](#); WIC § [5899](#); WIC § [5963](#); WIC § [5963.02](#); WIC § [5963.03](#); WIC § [5963.04](#); 9 CCR § [3300](#); 9 CCR § [3315](#); 9 CCR § [3510](#); 9 CCR § [3510.005](#).

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to W&I Section 5848 and Title 9, CCR Section 3300 and 3315, each county must develop their three-year program and expenditure plan and update in accordance with the community program planning process guidelines set forth therein.

Pursuant to W&I Section 5847(a) each county shall prepare and submit an annual update, that has been adopted by the county Board of Supervisors, to Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) within 30 days of adoption.

Pursuant to Title 9, CCR Section 3510.005, each county is required to submit the Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report (ARER) to DHCS no later than January 31, following the end of the fiscal year. Pursuant to WIC Section 5899(e), DHCS may withhold MHSA funds from a county that does not submit their ARER by the required deadline.

POLICY:

In March 2024, California voters passed Proposition 1 to implement the statutory changes in Senate Bill 326 (Chapter 790, Statutes of 2023), renaming the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) and modernizing and reforming the public behavioral health care system. With the passing of Proposition 1, there are still reporting requirements for the MHSA that counties will need to comply with as they transition from MHSA to BHSA.

This BHIN provides counties with the key dates for the final statutory reporting necessary for county MHSA programs.

Table 1. Final MHSA Reporting Timeline

Report	Due Date
FY 2023-24 Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report (ARER)	January 31, 2025
FY 2025-26 County Annual Update to FY 23-26 MHSA Plan	June 30, 2025
FY 2024-25 ARER	January 31, 2026
FY 2025-26 ARER – final ARER for MHSA	January 31, 2027

The next plan will be the BHSA Integrated Plan for Behavioral Health Services and Outcomes. It is due July 1, 2026, and will include FY 2026-2029.

BHSA planning requirements pursuant to WIC Section 5963.03 become operative on January 1, 2025, but are applicable only to the BHSA Integrated Plan for Behavioral Health Services and Outcomes and annual update. Counties who are in the process of planning for the FY 2025-26 Annual Update to the FY 2023-26 MHSA Three-Year Plan when the new BHSA planning requirements become operative are encouraged, but not required, to begin implementing any changes needed to meet the BHSA requirements. Counties not implementing BHSA planning requirements to plan the FY 2025-26 Annual Update must continue to use the MHSA planning guidelines pursuant to WIC § 5848, 9 CCR 3300, and 9 CCR 3315 for the FY 2025-26 Annual Update.

Please send any questions regarding this Information Notice to MHSA@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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