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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: Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act Quarterly Data Collection on

Involuntary Treatment: Phase IV of Senate Bill 929 Implementation

PURPOSE: To notify stakeholders of Phase IV data collection requirements related

to involuntary treatment under the LPS Act.

REFERENCE: Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) Section 5402; BHIN-24-035;

BHIN-24-013; BHIN-24-011; BHIN 23-015

## **BACKGROUND:**

In 2022, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 929 (Eggman, Chapter 539, Statute of 2022), which amended Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code Section 5402 to require DHCS to collect expanded quarterly data regarding treatment provided pursuant to the LPS Act and publish a report by May 1st annually that includes the quantitative, deidentified information collected. The new requirements are intended to address gaps and deficiencies in data collection regarding involuntary detentions under the LPS Act. SB 929 also requires DHCS to conduct an analysis and evaluation of the data to determine if the State is achieving the intent of the LPS Act as stated in W&I Code Section 5001. W&I Code Section 5402 was further amended by Assembly Bill (AB) 118 (Chapter 42, Statute of 2023) signed by the Governor and effective on July 10, 2023.



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As amended by SB 929 and AB 118, W&I Code Section 5402 requires each designated and approved facility and each other entity involved in implementing W&I Code Section 5150 to report specified data to the county in which it operates. Each county behavioral health director is required to report involuntary treatment data to DHCS quarterly, including demographics, clinical outcomes, services provided or offered, waiting periods, and numbers of county-contracted beds (W&I Code § 5402(a)(1)-(11), (b)(1)(A) and W&I Code § 5402(a)(18)). DHCS may impose plans of correction and/or civil money penalties against counties and LPS-designated and approved facilities that do not submit data timely (W&I Code § 5402(f)(1)-(f)(3)). In addition, SB 929's amendments to Section 5402 require DHCS to collect data from the Judicial Council by October 1st annually, including numbers and outcomes of court proceedings conducted pursuant to the LPS Act (W&I Code § 5402(a)(12), (d)).

## **POLICY:**

DHCS is implementing the data collection requirements of W&I Code Section 5402 as amended by SB 929 in incremental phases. On April 6, 2023, DHCS issued BHIN 23-015, introducing Phase I of the SB 929 implementation. On March 29, 2024, DHCS issued BHIN 24-013, introducing Phase II of the SB 929 implementation. On December 9, 2024, DHCS issued BHIN 24-043, introducing Phase III of the SB 929 implementation.

This BHIN introduces and implements Phase IV of the data collection requirements specified in W&I Code Section 5402. Phase IV requires designated and approved facilities and other entities involved in implementing W&I Code Section 5150 to collect additional data elements pertaining to involuntary treatment, as specified in this BHIN.

During the Phase II implementation, DHCS introduced an online data collection platform through "Nintex". This platform was utilized to collect Phase I, Phase II and Phase III data. On July 1, 2025, counties began utilizing a new electronic data collection platform, which replaced Nintex, to submit LPS data.

DHCS has issued guidance to county behavioral health directors and their designees once the new LPS Data Collection Platform went live on July 1, 2025. Each county behavioral health director or their designee shall submit to DHCS accurate and complete data they receive from each designated and approved facility and each other entity involved in implementing W&I Code Section 5150 for the period beginning Fiscal Year 2024-25 quarter 3 (January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025) and onward until further notice (W&I Code § 5402(b)(1)(A) and (C)) via the new LPS Data Collection Platform. For guidance on how to assign designees, please see BHIN 24-035.

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DHCS intends to provide counties with adequate time to submit Q3 and subsequent quarter's data through the new LPS Data Collection Platform. Between July 1, 2025 and July 30, 2025, counties were able to submit data for quarter 3 (January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025). Beginning August 1, 2025 through August 30, 2025, data may be submitted for quarter 4 (April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025).

A county may establish and require designated and approved facilities and other entities involved in implementing W&I Code Section 5150 to follow policies and procedures to ensure compliance with data reporting obligations (W&I Code § 5402(b)(2)(B)).

County behavioral health directors are also expected to comply with Senate Bill 43 (Eggman, Chapter 637, Statute of 2023) which made further amendments to W&I Code Section 5402. SB 43 guidance has been issued via BHIN 24-011.

## **Phase IV Data Requirements**

Designated and Approved Facilities shall collect and provide the Phase IV data specified in <u>Attachment A</u> to the county behavioral health director in the county in which they operate.

Other Entities involved in implementing W&I Code Section 5150 shall collect and provide the Phase IV data specified in <u>Attachment B</u> to the county behavioral health director in the county in which they operate.

For the purposes of data collection and reporting pursuant to W&I Code Section 5402, terminology and definitions are outlined in Attachment C.

For additional information please review the <u>Data Element Dictionary</u>. If you have any questions regarding this Behavioral Health Information Notice, please contact the Mental Health Licensing and Certification Branch at <u>MHData@dhcs.ca.gov</u> or (916) 323-1864.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosures

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Attachment A

Attachment B

Attachment C

LPS Reporting Data Element Dictionary Phase IV