

DHCS AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS
CONTRACT AND ENROLLMENT REVIEW DIVISION
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER REVIEW SECTION

**REPORT ON THE DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED
DELIVERY SYSTEM (DMC-ODS) STATE PLAN
REVIEW OF LAKE COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

Contract Number: 23-30094

Contract Type: DMC-ODS State Plan Intergovernmental Agreement 2023-2027

Review Period: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Dates of Review: February 17, 2026 — February 18, 2026

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I. INTRODUCTION

Lake County is governed by a Board of Supervisors and contracts with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the purpose of providing DMC-ODS funded Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services to county residents.

Lake County is located in the north central portion of California. The County provides services within the unincorporated county and in eight cities: Clearlake, Lakeport, Hidden Valley Lake, Kelseyville, Clearlake Oaks, Lower Lake, Lucerne, and Nice.

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the findings of the DHCS review for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The review was conducted from February 17, 2026, through February 18, 2026. The review consisted of a documentation review and interviews with the County's representatives.

An Exit Conference with the Plan was held on April 20, 2026. The County was allowed 15 calendar days from the date of the Exit Conference to provide supplemental information addressing the potential review findings. The County did not submit additional documentation after the Exit Conference. The evaluation results of the County's responses are reflected in this report.

The review evaluated requirements from four categories of performance: Availability of DMC-ODS Services, Coverage and Authorization of Services, Beneficiary Rights and Protections, and Program Integrity.

The prior DHCS compliance report, covering the review period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, identified deficiencies incorporated in the Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The prior year CAPs were completely closed at the time of the review. Therefore, this review included a review of documents to determine the implementation and effectiveness of the Plan's corrective actions.

The summary of the findings by category follows:

Category 1 – Availability of DMC-ODS Services

There were no findings noted for this category during the review period.

Category 5 – Coverage and Authorization of Services

There were no findings noted for this category during the review period.

Category 6 – Beneficiary Rights and Protections

There were no findings noted for this category during the review period.

Category 7 – Program Integrity

There were no findings noted for this category during the review period.

III. SCOPE/REVIEW PROCEDURES

SCOPE

The DHCS, Contract and Enrollment Review Division conducted the review to ascertain that medically necessary services provided to County members comply with federal and state laws, regulations and guidelines, and the State's DMC-ODS Intergovernmental Agreement.

PROCEDURE

DHCS conducted a review of the Plan from February 17, 2026, through February 18, 2026, for the review period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The review included an inspection of the Plan's policies for providing services, procedures to implement these policies, and the process to determine whether these policies were effective. Documents were reviewed and interviews conducted with County representatives.

POST REVIEW

Technical Assistance (TA) can be requested during the review. All DMC-ODS TA requests are forwarded to DHCS's Behavioral Health Oversight and Monitoring Division (BHOMD), County Liaison and Operations Support Section (CLOS) for resolution. The County did not request TA during the review.