



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
GOVERNOR

DATE: August 13, 2015

MHSUDS INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 15-031

TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION OF
CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 22 PERMANENTLY
AMENDED

This Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Information Notice communicates the permanent amendments made to the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, Section 51341.1, specific to the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) program. The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) provided notice of approval to permanently amend these regulations on July 14, 2015. DHCS would like to remind programs that compliance with CCR Title 22 is required for continued participation in the DMC program.

Background

On June 25, 2014, emergency regulations were approved by OAL to address abusive and fraudulent practices identified during targeted field reviews and postservice postpayment reviews conducted by the Department. The regulatory amendments include additions to definitions, increased confidentiality for counseling sessions, clear physical examination requirements, practitioners' roles and responsibilities, and changes to documentation requirements of services in beneficiary files.

CCR Title 22, Section 51341.1 was issued a Notice of Approval of Certificate of Compliance by OAL and filed with the Secretary of State on July 14, 2015, to make the emergency regulations permanent this date forward.

All documents regarding the emergency regulation package and process are available at: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/DHCS-14-006E-DMCProgramIntegrity.aspx>

MHSUDS INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 15-031
August 13, 2015
Page 2

To find the most current CCR Title 22, section 51341.1 go to:
[https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/index?bhcp=1&transitionType=Default&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/index?bhcp=1&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default))

Questions regarding the amended regulations and DMC program may be directed to the Substance Use Disorders Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Division at DMCAAnswers@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Karen Baylor, Ph.D., LMFT, Deputy Director
Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services