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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES  
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS  
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.  
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES  
CALIFORNIA OPIOID MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS  
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

SUBJECT: PERINATAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), in carrying out its responsibilities under state law, develops and continuously updates guidelines to address the special needs of pregnant women and women with dependent children (hereinafter known as pregnant and parenting women (PPW)).<sup>1</sup>

The purpose of this Information Notice is to:

1. Inform counties and providers that the Perinatal Practice Guidelines (PPG) supersede the Perinatal Services Network Guidelines (PSNG) Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17.
2. Inform counties and providers about the transition of the PSNG to the PPG.

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<sup>1</sup> California Health and Safety Code, Division 10.5, Part 1, Chapter 2

## DISCUSSION

To ensure counties and providers deliver comprehensive, quality substance use disorder (SUD) services to PPW, DHCS revised the PSNG FY 2016-17 to include requirements from State Plan Drug Medi-Cal and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. As part of this process, DHCS renamed the PSNG. It is now referred to as the PPG. The PPG supersedes the PSNG FY 2016-17, and the PPG does not include new requirements.

The PPG can be found on the DHCS website at:  
[http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Documents/Perinatal\\_Practice\\_Guidelines\\_FY1819.pdf](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Documents/Perinatal_Practice_Guidelines_FY1819.pdf).

If you have any questions regarding the PPG and/or this Information Notice, please contact DHCS at [DHCSOWPS@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DHCSOWPS@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services