



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



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Behavioral Health Information Notice No: 21-050

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: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 2022 Annual Program Review

PURPOSE: This Behavioral Health Information Notice informs the counties of the MHSA Annual Program review process for calendar year 2022.

REFERENCE: [Behavioral Health Information No.: 20-045](#)
Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) sections 5897(d), 5897(e), and 5655.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to W&I section 5897(d), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is required to conduct program review of performance contracts to determine compliance. Each county's performance contract shall be reviewed at least once every three years.

POLICY:

DHCS will conduct program reviews of county MHSA programs and services beginning February 2022. The review schedule for calendar year 2022 is enclosed with this notice. The county will be notified approximately 100 days in advance of the program review. DHCS will conduct a desk review based on the counties' submitted documents prior to conducting the review with the county. The program review may consist of discussion

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with county staff/leadership, service providers, program reviews, chart documentation, client meetings, and housing visit (if applicable/possible).

DHCS will provide a Performance Contract Review (PCR) report after the county program review which includes a description of any finding(s), recommendation(s), suggested improvements, and any required Plan of Correction.

If the county disagrees with a finding or suggested improvement listed on the PCR report, the county has 15 business days to respond by contacting DHCS at MHSA@dhcs.ca.gov.

A Plan of Correction (POC) is required for all items and must be submitted to DHCS within 60 calendar days of receipt of the PCR report. DHCS will review the POC. If DHCS determines the POC is insufficient the county shall propose an alternative correction action plan to DHCS. The county should not submit a POC prior to receiving the PCR report.

DHCS will post on its internet website any plans of correction requested and the related findings, pursuant to W&I section 5897(e). DHCS may withhold funds from any county that fails to comply with any provision of the Performance Contract, pursuant to W&I section 5655.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Marlies Perez, Chief
Community Services Division

MHSA PROGRAM REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR 2022

County	Review Period
Madera	February 1-2, 2022
Mendocino	February 1-2, 2022
San Luis Obispo	March 8-10, 2022
Los Angeles	March 8-10, 2022
Mariposa	April 12-13, 2022
Kern	April 12-14, 2022
Orange	May 10-12, 2022
Imperial	May 10-11, 2022
El Dorado	June 21-22, 2022
Placer	June 21-23, 2022
Alpine	July 26-27, 2022
Sierra	July 26-27, 2022
Plumas	August 23-24, 2022
San Bernardino	August 23-25, 2022
Siskiyou	September 27-28, 2022
Napa	September 27-28, 2022
Glenn	October 25-26, 2022
Sutter-Yuba	October 25-27, 2022
Riverside	Nov 29-Dec 1, 2022
Kings	November 29-30, 2022