

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Performance Review Report  
Merced County Program Review  
January 31 – February 2, 2023**

**FINDINGS**

**Finding #1:** Merced County did not include the Annual Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) report as a part of the adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-23 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (Plan) and/or FY 2022-23 Annual Update (Update). (California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 3560.010).

**Recommendation #1:** The County must include the Annual PEI report as part of each subsequent adopted Plan and/or Update hereafter. It must be clearly labeled, indicating what years are being reported and the location of the report within the Plan or Update. The Annual PEI report is not to be used in lieu of Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3755, which are the regulations for the PEI Component of the Plan and Update. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recommends the county submit the report as an addendum or attachment to the Plan or Update and include a cover page for the Annual PEI Report with the title:

*Annual PEI Report  
FY XXXX to XXXX*

**Finding #2:** Merced County did not include the Three-Year PEI Evaluation report as part of the adopted FY 2020-23 Plan or FY 2022-23 Update. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9 § 3560.020).

**Recommendation #2:** The County must include the Three-Year PEI Evaluation report as part of each subsequent adopted Plan and/or Update hereafter. It must be clearly labeled, indicating what years are being reported and the location of the report within the Plan or Update. The Three-Year PEI Evaluation report is not to be used in lieu of Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3755, which are the regulations for the PEI Component of the Plan and Update. DHCS recommends the county submit the report as an addendum or attachment to the Plan or Update and include a cover page for the Three-Year PEI report with the title:

Three-Year Prevention and Early Intervention Evaluation Report  
FY XXXX to FY XXXX

The Three-Year PEI Evaluation report is due every third year as part of the Plan and/or Update and shall report on the evaluation(s) for the three prior fiscal years. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 9, § 3560.020).