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HCPCFC PROGRAM LETTER: 25-01

**TO:** HEALTHCARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE  
ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, AND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES STAFF

**SUBJECT:** HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE  
REMOVAL OF PERFORMANCE MEASURE 3 FROM PROGRAM  
MANUAL

The purpose of this letter is to inform Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) local programs of the removal of Performance Measure 3 (PM 3) from the HCPCFC Program Manual.

In the recently released HCPCFC Program Manual<sup>1</sup>, HCPCFC Performance Measures (PM) will be reported utilizing the PM sheet in the HCPCFC Budget Workbook. PM 3 was intended to measure the Public Health Nurses (PHNs) work specific to psychotropic medication monitoring and oversight.

Following the initial release of the HCPCFC Program Manual in July 2024, it was brought to the attention of Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) staff that the numerator and denominator for PM 3 were switched. Meetings were held and it was agreed by DHCS, CDSS and the HCPCFC Executive Council to remove PM 3.

DHCS and CDSS may reconceptualize a PM specific to psychotropic medication in the future that will be comprehensive and consistent for all counties.

The updated version of the HCPCFC Program Manual is available on the [DHCS HCPCFC website](#). If you have any questions, please contact [HCPCFC@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:HCPCFC@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

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<sup>1</sup> [HCPCFC Program Manual](#)