



**Partial Hospitalization Services**  
*Frequently Asked Questions*  
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The following answers to frequently asked questions intend to provide clarification regarding the partial hospitalization services through the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) pilot program.

This document will be updated as necessary.

For additional information regarding the DMC-ODS Pilot Program:

- Visit <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Drug-Medi-Cal-Organized-Delivery-System.aspx>
- Contact us at [DMCODSWAIVER@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DMCODSWAIVER@dhcs.ca.gov)

**1. What are partial hospitalization services?**

Partial Hospitalization (ASAM Level 2.5) services feature 20 or more hours of clinically intensive programming per week, as specified in the patient's treatment plan. Level 2.5 partial hospitalization programs typically have direct access to psychiatric, medical, and laboratory services, and are designed to meet the identified needs which warrant daily monitoring or management, but which can be appropriately addressed in a structured outpatient setting. Services consist primarily of counseling and education about addiction-related problems. Providing this level of service is optional for participating counties.

**2. Who can provide partial hospitalization services?**

Services can be provided by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) or certified counselor in any appropriate setting in the community. Services can be provided in-person, by telephone, or by telehealth.

**3. What is a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA)?**

LPHA includes:

- Physician
- Nurse Practitioner (NPs)
- Physician Assistants (PAs)

- Registered Nurses (RNs)
- Registered Pharmacists (RPs)
- Licensed Clinical Psychologists (LCPs)
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs)
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCCs)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs)
- License-Eligible Practitioners working under the supervision of licensed clinicians

**4. What are the service components of partial hospitalization services?**

The service components of partial hospitalization are similar to intensive outpatient treatment and include the following components:

- Intake
- Individual and/or Group Counseling
- Patient Education
- Family Therapy
- Medication Services
- Collateral Services
- Crisis Intervention Services
- Treatment Planning
- Discharge Services

Beneficiaries receiving partial hospitalization services may also receive referrals to, or consultation with, psychiatric, medical, and laboratory services.

**5. Are partial hospitalization services mandatory for counties that contract to participate in the DMC-ODS Pilot Program?**

No. Providing this level of service is optional for participating counties.

**6. What certification requirements must be met in order for a county to offer Partial Hospitalization services through the DMC-ODS Pilot Program?**

Pilot counties, or contracted network providers in pilot counties, must be certified as DMC Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOT) providers and must demonstrate the ability to facilitate access to the psychiatric, medical, and laboratory services that might be identified as needs in the beneficiary's treatment plan. There is no DMC certification category specific to partial hospitalization.