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THIS LETTER SENT VIA EMAIL TO: [sprinzmcmillan@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:sprinzmcmillan@sierracounty.ca.gov)

Ms. Sheryll Prinz-McMillan, Behavioral Health Director  
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL COUNTY COMPLIANCE SECTION DMC FINDINGS REPORT

Dear Director Prinz-McMillan:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is responsible for monitoring compliance to the requirements of the Drug Medi-Cal program (DMC) and the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement operated by Sierra County.

The County Compliance Section (CCS) within DHCS' Audits and Investigations (A&I) conducted a review of Sierra County's compliance with Federal and State regulations, program requirements and contractual obligations based on supporting documentation and interviews with County staff.

This letter serves as notification that Sierra County has sufficiently demonstrated compliance with all Federal and State regulations, program requirements and contractual obligations during FY 2023-24. During the compliance review, no deficiencies were identified, and no further action is required at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [Jade.liu@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Jade.liu@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Jade Liu | Health Program Specialist I

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## COUNTY REVIEW INFORMATION

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**Date of Review:**

6/25/2024

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## REVIEW SCOPE

- I. Regulations:
  - a. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, section 51341.1, 51490.1 and 51516.1 – Drug Medi-Cal Substance Use Disorder Services
  - b. California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Division 4: Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
  - c. Health and Safety Code, Division 10.5, Section 11750 – 11970: Alcohol and Drug Programs
  - d. Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 9, Part 3, Chapter 7, Sections 14000, et seq.; 14100.2, 14021, 14021.51-14021.53, 14021.6, and 14124.20-14124.25, 14184.402, 14059.5: Basic Health Care – Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program
  
- II. Program Requirements:
  - a. Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 DMC Intergovernmental Agreement (IA)
  - b. State of California *Adolescent Best Practices Guidelines October 2020*
  - c. DHCS' *Perinatal Practice Guidelines FY 2018-19*
  - d. DHCS' *Minimum Quality Drug Treatment Standards (Document 2F(a))*
  - e. National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)
  - f. Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Services (MHSUDS) Information Notices
  - g. Behavioral Health Information Notices (BHIN)

## **ENTRANCE AND EXIT CONFERENCE SUMMARIES**

### **Entrance Conference:**

An Entrance Conference was conducted via Teams on 6/25/2024. The following individuals were present:

- Representing DHCS:  
Jade Liu, County Compliance Monitoring Unit 2 (CCM2) Health Program Specialist I (HPS I)  
Susan Volmer, CCM 2, Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA)  
Leilani Kwon, County/Provider Operations and Monitoring Branch (CPOMB) Unit Chief
- Representing Sierra County:  
Madera Schwary, Health Assistant II  
Robert Szopa, SUD Program Manager  
Sheryll Prinz-McMillan, Behavioral Health Director

During the Entrance Conference, the following topics were discussed:

- Introductions
- DHCS overview of review process
- County overview of services provided.

**Exit Conference:**

An Exit Conference was conducted via Teams on 6/25/2024. The following individuals were present:

- Representing DHCS:  
Jade Liu, CCM 2 HPS I  
Susan Volmer, CCM 2 AGPA  
Leilani Kwon, CPOMB Unit Chief
- Representing Sierra County:  
Madera Schwary, Health Assistant II  
Robert Szopa, SUD Program Manager  
Sheryll Prinz-McMillan, Behavioral Health Director

During the Exit Conference, the following topics were discussed:

- Submitting follow-up evidence
- Due date for evidence submission

## **SUMMARY OF FY 2023-24 COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES (CD)**

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Number of CDs</u></b>
1.0 Availability of DMC Services	0
2.0 Care Coordination	0
3.0 Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement	0
4.0 Access and Information Requirements	0
5.0 Coverage and Authorization of Services	0
6.0 Beneficiary Rights and Protections	0
7.0 Program Integrity	0

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Sierra County did not request Technical Assistance during this review.