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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES
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CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
CALIFORNIA CONSORTIUM OF ADDICTION PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONALS

SUBJECT: TIMELINE FOR MENTAL HEALTH MEDI-CAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES CLAIMING PLANS & AMENDMENTS

The purpose of this information notice is to communicate to counties the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) new effort aimed at improving efficiency in the review and approval of Mental Health Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MH MAA) claiming plans. In an effort to conform to [updated guidelines](#) from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services regarding Requests for Additional Information (RAI) for new MH MAA claiming plans or amendments, DHCS is implementing a 90-day response time requirement for county Mental Health Plans (MHP).

For RAIs issued on or after the date of this information notice where no response to a formal RAI is received by DHCS from the MHP within 90 days of issuance, DHCS will initiate a disapproval of the MH MAA claiming plan or amendment. DHCS will only initiate disapproval when the MHP does not provide DHCS with information sufficient to continue with the advancement of the MH MAA claiming plan or amendment.

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In the event a claiming plan or amendment is disapproved, the MHP may resubmit a revised claiming plan or amendment, in which case the effective date of approval will be the first day of the quarter in which the revised claiming plan or amendment is submitted.

Please address any questions or concerns to Don Larson at donald.larson@dhcs.ca.gov or (916) 713-8750.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Brenda Grealish, Acting Deputy Director
Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services