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Department of Health Care Services



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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  
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS  
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC  
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

SUBJECT: Requirements for Approved State Mental Health Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Implementation Plan

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved the State of California Mental Health Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MH MAA) Implementation Plan. The effective date of the new plan is October 1, 2016. To meet the requirements of the new State MH MAA Implementation Plan:

1. Counties that participate in MH MAA are required to submit an updated claiming plan that conforms to the new implementation plan.
2. Counties that have pending amendments for their current plans must complete state-identified corrections. The amendments must be approved before the submission of the new claiming plan.
3. The updated claiming plan must be received by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) by December 31, 2016, to ensure uninterrupted participation in MH MAA.
4. A county's MH MAA claims for the second quarter of FY 2016-17 and thereafter will not be accepted if the county does not have an approved MH MAA claiming plan that conforms to the FY 2016-17 State Implementation Plan.

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5. DHCS will provide training to counties on how to prepare their claiming plans and invoices for MAA claims.
6. DHCS will be performing periodic site reviews in participating counties.

The MH MAA webpage that includes the instruction plan, training slides, and other relevant documents can be found at:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/MH-MAA.aspx>.

If there are any questions regarding this Information Notice, please contact Don Larson at (916) 440-7491, or email [MHMAA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:MHMAA@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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