

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
601 E. 12th St., Room 355  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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May 2, 2022

Jacey Cooper  
Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs  
California Department of Health Care Services  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Dear Ms. Cooper:

Enclosed is an approved copy of California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0024, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 30, 2022. This SPA will modify the definition of a Peer Support Specialist to be aligned with the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program, which requires Peer Support Specialists to be in recovery themselves or have lived experience with the process of recovery as a parent, caregiver, or family member.

The California Medicaid SPA 22-0024 was approved on May 2, 2022, with effective date of July 1, 2022. Enclosed is the following approved SPA page that should be incorporated into your approved State Plan:

- Supplement 2 to Attachment 3.1-B, page 14.b
- Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, pages 2m.2, 6m, and 6.a
- Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-B, pages 4m and 4.a

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Young at 415-744-3598 or via email at [Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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James G. Scott, Director,  
Division of Program Operations

Enclosure

cc: Kelly Pfeifer, M.D., Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)  
Tyler Sadwith, DHCS  
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Aaron Toyama, DHCS  
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Amanda Font, DHCS

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER  
2 2 — 0 0 2 4

2. STATE  
CA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
 XIX  XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
**July 1, 2022**

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
*Social Security Act 1905(a)(13)*

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 2022 \$ 0  
b. FFY 2023 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
• Supplement 2 to Attachment 3.1-B, page 14.b  
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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
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9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

SPA 22-0024 removes "in recovery" from the definition of a Peer Support Specialist to align with the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program, which requires Peer Support Specialists to be in recovery themselves or have lived experience with the process of recovery as a parent, caregiver, or family member.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:  
Please note: The Governor's Office does not wish to review the State Plan Amendment.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME  
Jacey Cooper

13. TITLE  
State Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED  
March 30, 2022

15. RETURN TO  
Department of Health Care Services  
Attn: Director's Office  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED  
March 30, 2022

17. DATE APPROVED  
May 2, 2022

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
July 1, 2022

19. SIGNATURE

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

Boxes 7-8: CMS pen and ink change to correct page numbering per email from CA DHCS dated 4/19/22.

Provider Qualifications: A Peer Support Specialist is an individual with a current State-approved Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program certification and must meet ongoing education requirements. Peer Support Specialists provides services under the direction of a Behavioral Health Professional.

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Practitioner Qualifications	C, L*	C, L	C, L	L	C, L	M	L	C, L	P	C, L	C, L	L***

**C = Counselors**

An Alcohol or other drug (AOD) counselor that is either certified or registered by an organization that is recognized by the Department of Health Care Services and accredited with the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

**L = Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts**

A Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) include any of the following: Physician, Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant (PA), Registered Nurse, Registered Pharmacist, Licensed Clinical Psychologist (LCP), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), and licensed-eligible practitioner working under the supervision of a licensed clinician.

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**Notes**

\* The physical examination shall be conducted by an LPHA in accordance within their scope of practice and licensure. An SUD diagnosis may only be made by an LPHA.

**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT LEVELS OF CARE**

1. Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services are provided to beneficiaries when medically necessary in a structured programming environment.

Intensive Outpatient Treatment includes the following service components:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Individual Counseling (as defined above)
- Group Counseling (as defined above)
- Patient Education (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-A)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined above)

2. Narcotic Treatment Program is an outpatient program that provides FDA-drugs approved to treat SUDs when ordered by a physician as medically necessary. NTPs are required to offer and prescribe medications including methadone, buprenorphine, naloxone and disulfiram. NTPs shall offer adequate counseling services to each beneficiary as clinically necessary.

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