

Performance Outcomes System Children with an Open Child Welfare Case County Report

Report run on August 9, 2017

Background

Two reports will be created during each new reporting period. The reports that will be produced are as follows: statewide aggregate data and population-based county groups. These reports help meet the intent of the Legislature, as stated in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14707.5, to develop a performance outcomes system for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) mental health services that will improve outcomes at the individual, program, and system levels and inform fiscal decision-making related to the purchase of services. This reporting effort is part of the implementation of a performance outcomes system for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for children and youth.

Since 2012 DHCS has worked with several groups of stakeholders to create a structure for reporting, to develop the Performance Measurement Paradigm, and to develop indicators and measures. The Performance Outcomes System will be used to evaluate the domains of access, engagement, service appropriateness to need, service effectiveness, linkages, cost effectiveness and satisfaction. Further information on the Performance Measures System implementation is available on the DHCS website. Documents posted include the relevant legislation, plans submitted to the Legislature, and handouts for meetings with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee back to the first meeting in 2012. To obtain this information go to:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pos/Pages/default.aspx>

Purpose and Overview

This county aggregate report provides updated information on the initial indicators that were developed for the Performance Outcomes System. DHCS plans to move to annual reporting of this data for the Performance Outcomes System.

The first series of charts and tables focus on the demographics of Foster Care case children and youth under 21 who are receiving SMHS' based on approved claims for Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries. Specifically, this includes demographics tables of this population by age, gender, and race/ethnicity. Two types of penetration information are provided. Both penetration rates tables are also broken out by demographic characteristics. Utilization of services data are shown in terms of dollars, as well as by service, in time increments. The snapshot table provides a point-in-time view of children/youth arriving, exiting, and continuing services over a two-year period. The time to step down table provides a view over the past four years of the time to step-down services following inpatient discharge.

Where possible, the reports provide trend information by displaying information for four Fiscal Years (FY). A FY is from July 1st to June 30th. For all of the measures and indicators included in this report, the denominator is the "Unique Count of Children and Youth receiving SMHS" shown on page 3 of the report and is broken out by state FY.

Utilization of services reports are shown in terms of dollars, as well as by service in time increments. The snapshot report provides a point-in-time view of children arriving, exiting, and continuing services over a two-year period. The final report provides a view over the past four years of the time to step-down services (i.e., time to next contact after an inpatient discharge). **Note:** *The time to step-down report has a change in methodology from the first report produced in February 2015. In the initial report only outpatient services provided at least one day after the inpatient discharge were included in the calculations. On subsequent reports any outpatient service that occurs on or after the inpatient discharge is included in the analysis.*

Definitions

Population: Open Child Welfare beneficiaries with approved services adjudicated through the Short Doyle/Medi-Cal II claiming system that were:

- Age 20 or younger during the approved date of service on the claim.

Data Sources:

- Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal II (SD/MC II) claims with dates of service in FY 12/13 through FY 15/16.
- Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) data from the Management Information System/Decision Support System (MIS/DSS) FY 12/13 through FY15/16.
- Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) data for children in FY 12/13 through FY 15/16.

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Additional Information

The **Measures Catalog** is the companion document for these reports and provides the methodology and definitions for the measures. Each measure is defined and the numerator and denominator used to develop the metrics are provided with relevant notes and additional references. The Measures Catalog may be found at:
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pos/Pages/Performance-Outcomes-System-Reports-and-Measures-Catalog.aspx>

Note on Privacy:

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 42 rules protect most individually identifiable health information in any form or medium, whether electronic, on paper, or oral. DHCS has strict rules in place to protect the identification of individuals in public reports. A "Public Aggregate Reporting – DHCS Business Reports" process has been established to maintain confidentiality of client Personal Information. The Performance Outcomes System complies with Federal and State privacy laws. Thus, the POS must appropriately and accurately de-identify data for public reporting. Due to privacy concerns, some cells in this report may have been suppressed to comply with state and federal rules. When necessary, this data is represented as follows: 1) Data that is missing is indicated as "-" 2) Data that has been suppressed due to privacy concerns is indicated as "^".

*Population-based report findings may be interpreted alongside the POS statewide report findings.

*The **penetration rates** reported here were calculated using a different methodology than that used by the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO). The differences in methodology make comparison between the POS penetration rates and the EQRO penetration rates not appropriate or useful. The POS methodology for calculating penetration rates was selected because it is easier to compute, more straightforward to interpret, and is in use by other states and counties. For the POS, the penetration rate is calculated by taking the total number of youth who received X number of SMHS (1 or 5 for POS) in a FY and dividing that by the total number of Medi-Cal eligible youth for that FY. This methodology results in lower penetration rates as compared to the EQRO rates, but it does so across the board so that all counties and the state will be similarly impacted.

*The **snapshot** report provides a point-in-time look at children and youth's movement through the SMHS system. The report uses five general categories to classify if a youth is entering, exiting, continuing services, or a combination of these categories (e.g., arriving and exiting). Eventually the snapshot data will be used along with measures of service effectiveness to identify whether youth are improving as a result of receiving services from the time they first arrived in the system to when they exit the system. This methodology was adapted from the California Mental Health and Substance Use System Needs Assessment (2012). More information on the original methodology can be found here:
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pos/Pages/Performance-Outcomes-System-Reports-and-Measures-Catalog.aspx>

*The psychiatric emergency services/hospital data reported on in the **time to step-down services** report includes data from Short Doyle/Medi-Cal II claims data and fee-for-service data. In the future this report will incorporate other outpatient and inpatient Medi-Cal SMHS' billed through the Managed Care healthcare delivery systems. Currently, the number of days is capped at 365 days (to mitigate the impact of extreme statistical anomalies) when calculating the mean and max for time between discharge and step down service. This methodology will be updated in the next reporting cycle. Additionally, county specific and population-based reports are based off of the county of the hospital the patient is discharged from and whom has been attributed the time to next service in days used in the calculations for this indicator.

***Data Source Methodology:** Demographic & Penetration and Snapshot - based on MEDS data; Utilization - based on Claims Submission data; Time to step-down - based on Inpatient Hospital data.

***Open Child Welfare:** Children/youth who are provided child welfare services either while living in their home, or while living out-of-home in a foster care setting. Excludes children: placed in California under the jurisdiction of another state (incoming interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)) and who are placed with non-dependent guardians.

***Foster Care Placement:** Children/youth who are removed from their home by a child placement agency, including county child welfare services and probation departments and placed in a foster care setting. Excludes children: placed in California under the jurisdiction of another state (incoming interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)) and who are placed with non-dependent legal guardians.

Please contact cmhpos@dhcs.ca.gov for any questions regarding this report.

**Demographics Report: Unique Count of Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case Receiving SMHS by Fiscal Year
Los Angeles County as of August 9, 2017**

SFY	Unique Count Receiving SMHS*	Year-Over-Year Percentage Change	Unique Count of Open Child Welfare Youth in Medi-Cal	Year-Over-Year Percentage Change
FY 12-13	26,818		54,224	
FY 13-14	26,816	0.0%	54,645	0.8%
FY 14-15	25,577	-4.6%	53,882	-1.4%
FY 15-16	23,887	-6.6%	50,488	-6.3%
Compound Annual Growth Rate SFY**		-3.8%		-2.4%

**SMHS = Specialty Mental Health Services. See Measures Catalog for more detailed information.*

***SFY = State Fiscal Year which is July 1 through June 30.*

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Fiscal Year	Black Count	Black %	Hispanic Count	Hispanic %	White Count	White %	Other Count	Other %
FY 12-13	5,518	20.6%	15,426	57.5%	3,702	13.8%	2,172	8.1%
FY 13-14	5,418	20.2%	15,903	59.3%	3,421	12.8%	2,074	7.7%
FY 14-15	5,208	20.4%	15,485	60.5%	3,055	11.9%	1,829	7.2%
FY 15-16	5,030	21.1%	14,644	61.3%	2,621	11.0%	1,592	6.7%

*Please note: This report uses the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System to obtain race/ethnicity data. CDSS uses Child Welfare Services/ Case Management System to obtain race/ethnicity data. For more information, please refer to the Measures Catalog.

**The race/ethnicity data have changed considerably since it was last published in 2016. DHCS is currently performing analyses to determine the nature of these changes and may update this table, if needed.

**Demographics Report: Unique Count of Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case Receiving SMHS by Fiscal Year
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Fiscal Year	Children 0-2 Count	Children 0-2 %	Children 3-5 Count	Children 3-5 %	Children 6-11 Count	Children 6-11 %	Youth 12-17 Count	Youth 12-17 %	Youth 18-20 Count	Youth 18-20 %
FY 12-13	2,613	9.7%	4,015	15.0%	8,398	31.3%	9,626	35.9%	2,166	8.1%
FY 13-14	2,681	10.0%	4,004	14.9%	8,858	33.0%	9,164	34.2%	2,109	7.9%
FY 14-15	2,547	10.0%	3,980	15.6%	8,497	33.2%	8,588	33.6%	1,965	7.7%
FY 15-16	2,210	9.3%	3,723	15.6%	8,167	34.2%	7,977	33.4%	1,810	7.6%

**Demographics Report: Unique Count of Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case Receiving SMHS by Fiscal Year
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Fiscal Year	Female Count	Female %	Male Count	Male %
FY 12-13	12,792	47.7%	14,026	52.3%
FY 13-14	12,939	48.3%	13,877	51.7%
FY 14-15	12,351	48.3%	13,226	51.7%
FY 15-16	11,504	48.2%	12,383	51.8%

Penetration Rates* Report: Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with At Least One SMHS Visit
Los Angeles County as of August 9, 2017**

	FY 12-13			FY 13-14			FY 14-15			FY 15-16		
	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 1 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 1 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Open Child Welfare Case with 1 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 1 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate
All	26,818	54,224	49.5%	26,816	54,645	49.1%	25,577	53,882	47.5%	23,887	50,488	47.3%
Children 0-2	2,613	8,808	29.7%	2,681	8,844	30.3%	2,547	8,582	29.7%	2,210	7,845	28.2%
Children 3-5	4,015	9,902	40.5%	4,004	9,847	40.7%	3,980	9,860	40.4%	3,723	9,351	39.8%
Children 6-11	8,398	15,455	54.3%	8,858	16,068	55.1%	8,497	16,145	52.6%	8,167	15,414	53.0%
Youth 12-17	9,626	15,438	62.4%	9,164	14,941	61.3%	8,588	14,120	60.8%	7,977	13,228	60.3%
Youth 18-20	2,166	4,621	46.9%	2,109	4,945	42.6%	1,965	5,175	38.0%	1,810	4,650	38.9%
Black	5,518	11,310	48.8%	5,418	11,135	48.7%	5,208	10,991	47.4%	5,030	10,252	49.1%
Hispanic	15,426	31,572	48.9%	15,903	32,475	49.0%	15,485	32,677	47.4%	14,644	31,158	47.0%
White	3,702	7,027	52.7%	3,421	6,752	50.7%	3,055	6,209	49.2%	2,621	5,550	47.2%
Other	2,172	4,315	50.3%	2,074	4,283	48.4%	1,829	4,005	45.7%	1,592	3,528	45.1%
Female	12,792	26,272	48.7%	12,939	26,647	48.6%	12,351	26,165	47.2%	11,504	24,509	46.9%
Male	14,026	27,952	50.2%	13,877	27,998	49.6%	13,226	27,717	47.7%	12,383	25,979	47.7%

*Penetration Rate is defined as the percentage of SMHS eligible beneficiaries that have received a SMHS that was claimed via the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claiming system. This does not include non-specialty mental health services provided in the Medi-Cal Managed Care system

**Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case that have received at least one SMHS in the Fiscal Year.

Penetration Rates* Report: Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with Five or More SMHS Visits
Los Angeles County as of August 9, 2017**

	FY 12-13			FY 13-14			FY 14-15			FY 15-16		
	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 5 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 5 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 5 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate	Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case with 5 or more SMHS Visits	Certified Eligible Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case	Penetration Rate
All	20,875	54,224	38.5%	20,534	54,645	37.6%	19,423	53,882	36.0%	18,377	50,488	36.4%
Children 0-2	1,488	8,808	16.9%	1,440	8,844	16.3%	1,361	8,582	15.9%	1,153	7,845	14.7%
Children 3-5	2,907	9,902	29.4%	2,802	9,847	28.5%	2,782	9,860	28.2%	2,665	9,351	28.5%
Children 6-11	6,620	15,455	42.8%	6,853	16,068	42.6%	6,577	16,145	40.7%	6,500	15,414	42.2%
Children 12-17	8,077	15,438	52.3%	7,677	14,941	51.4%	7,121	14,120	50.4%	6,643	13,228	50.2%
Youth 18-20	1,783	4,621	38.6%	1,762	4,945	35.6%	1,582	5,175	30.6%	1,416	4,650	30.5%
Black	4,387	11,310	38.8%	4,215	11,135	37.9%	4,023	10,991	36.6%	3,961	10,252	38.6%
Hispanic	11,768	31,572	37.3%	11,972	32,475	36.9%	11,568	32,677	35.4%	11,153	31,158	35.8%
White	3,001	7,027	42.7%	2,759	6,752	40.9%	2,434	6,209	39.2%	2,036	5,550	36.7%
Other	1,719	4,315	39.8%	1,588	4,283	37.1%	1,398	4,005	34.9%	1,227	3,528	34.8%
Female	9,946	26,272	37.9%	9,879	26,647	37.1%	9,282	26,165	35.5%	8,839	24,509	36.1%
Male	10,929	27,952	39.1%	10,655	27,998	38.1%	10,141	27,717	36.6%	9,538	25,979	36.7%

*Penetration Rate is defined as the percentage of SMHS eligible beneficiaries that have received a SMHS that was claimed via the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claiming system. This does not include non-specialty mental health services provided in Medi-Cal Managed Care system.

**Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case that have received at least five SMHS in the Fiscal Year.

**Utilization Report*: Approved Specialty Mental Health Services for Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case
Mean Expenditures and Mean Service Quantity per Beneficiary by Fiscal Year
Los Angeles County as of August 9, 2017**

Fiscal Year	SDMC Total Approved	IHBS (Minutes)	ICC (Minutes)	Case Management/ Brokerage (Minutes)	Mental Health Services (Minutes)	Therapeutic Behavioral Services (Minutes)	Medication Support Services (Minutes)	Crisis Intervention (Minutes)	Crisis Stabilization (Hours)	Full Day Treatment Intensive (Hours)	Full Day Rehabilitation (Hours)	Hospital Inpatient (Days)	Hospital Inpatient Admin (Days)	Fee for Service Inpatient (Days)	Crisis Residential Treatment Services (Days)	Adult Residential Treatment Services (Days)	Psychiatric Health Facility (Days)
FY 12-13	\$ 8,829.54	120	110	313	2,718	5,146	457	511	17	535	440	13	18	11	0	84	62
FY 13-14	\$ 9,000.17	2,020	2,046	291	2,337	5,404	463	534	18	580	487	16	21	10	15	203	57
FY 14-15	\$ 8,843.65	2,249	2,511	266	2,076	5,252	489	559	18	538	450	13	10	10	26	60	52
FY 15-16	\$ 9,288.63	2,451	2,709	259	2,141	5,285	494	529	16	593	466	11	17	10	10	254	63
MEAN	\$ 8,990.50	1,710	1,844	282	2,318	5,272	476	533	17	561	461	13	16	10	17	150	58

*The graphs are color coded so that those reported in the same unit of analysis (e.g., minutes) are colored similarly.

Please note that (n) values listed at the bottom of each bar graph represent the actual number of children/youth that received the SMHS represented in their respective graph by Fiscal Year.

^ Data has been suppressed to protect patient privacy.

**Snapshot Report: Unique Count of Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case Receiving SMHS
Arriving, Exiting, and with Service Continuance by Fiscal Year
Los Angeles County as of August 9, 2017**

Category	Description (Please refer to the Measures Catalog for more detailed descriptions on all Performance Outcomes System measures.)
Arrivals	Children/Youth that did not receive any SMHS within 3 months of their first date of service in the Fiscal Year.
Service Continuance	Children/Youth receiving continuous services with no breaks in service greater than 90 days for a period of at least 2 years (>= 2 YR) or a period of 1 to 2 years (< 2 YR).
Exiting	Children/Youth that did not receive any SMHS within 3 months after their last date of service in the Fiscal Year.
Arriving & Exiting	A distinct category in which children/youth met both the criteria for Arrivals and Exiting above for the fiscal year.
Service Continuance & Exiting	A distinct category in which Children/Youth had at least 2 years of Service Continuance going into the Fiscal Year and then Exited within the same Fiscal Year.

Service Fiscal Year	Arrivals Count	Arrivals %	Service Continuance (>= 2 YR) Count	Service Continuance (>= 2 YR) %	Service Continuance (<2 YR) Count	Service Continuance (< 2 YR) %	Exiting Count	Exiting %	Arriving & Exiting Count	Arriving & Exiting %	Service Continuance (>= 2 YR) & Exiting Count	Service Continuance (>= 2 YR) and Exiting %	Total Count	Total %
FY 12-13	6,942	25.9%	1,507	5.6%	2,033	7.6%	6,095	22.7%	9,343	34.8%	898	3.3%	26,818	100%
FY 13-14	6,615	24.7%	1,411	5.3%	1,838	6.9%	6,244	23.3%	9,773	36.4%	935	3.5%	26,816	100%
FY 14-15	6,606	25.8%	1,360	5.3%	1,802	7.0%	5,727	22.4%	9,202	36.0%	880	3.4%	25,577	100%
FY 15-16	5,889	24.7%	1,352	5.7%	1,785	7.5%	5,673	23.7%	8,293	34.7%	895	3.7%	23,887	100%

Time to Step Down Report: Children and Youth with an Open Child Welfare Case Stepping Down in SMHS Services Post Inpatient Discharge*
Los Angeles County as of August 9, 2017

Service FY	Count of Inpatient Discharges with Step Down within 7 Days of Discharge	Percentage of Inpatient Discharges with Step Down within 7 Days of Discharge	Count of Inpatient Discharges with Step Down between 8 and 30 days of Discharge	Percentage of Inpatient Discharges with Step Down between 8 and 30 days of Discharge	Count of Beneficiaries with a Step Down > 30 Days from Discharge or No Step Down*	Percentage of Beneficiaries with a Step Down > 30 Days from Discharge or No Step Down*	Minimum Number of Days between Discharge and Step Down	Maximum Number of Days between Discharge and Step Down	Mean Time to Next Contact Post Inpatient Discharge (Days)	Median Time to Next Contact Post Inpatient Discharge (Days)
FY 12-13	1,449	78.5%	263	14.2%	135	7.3%	0	363	7.9	1
FY 13-14	1,554	80.1%	223	11.5%	164	8.4%	0	364	9.0	1
FY 14-15	1,392	75.3%	260	14.1%	197	10.7%	0	365	10.4	2
FY 15-16	1,045	73.5%	194	13.7%	182	12.8%	0	295	12.3	2

* **No Step Down** is defined as no Medi-Cal eligible service was claimed through Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal after a claimed inpatient service was billed with a discharge date. This category may include data currently unavailable to DHCS, such as beneficiaries that were moved to a community-based program or beneficiaries that were incarcerated.