

Information Sharing

Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS)
Rate Cap Waiver for First Quarter (Q1) – BHS 2018-011

August 7, 2018

Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Providers:

With this notice, the County would like to express its continued appreciation of the collaboration between the DMC-ODS Provider Network and County staff. Only through our problem-solving processes can the challenges resulting from a system change be overcome.

For the DMC Implementation ramp-up period between July 1, 2018 and September 30, 2018 (Q1):

- 1) Provider rate caps on cost reimbursement contracts are waived for Q1. This does not change the expectations around SanWITS or CalOMS entries, nor any service delivery expectations.
- 2) County-billable services transition plan is extended through September 30, 2018. The Behavioral Health Services Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Quality Management (QM) Team will be providing continued technical support to Providers via reviews of services provided with this extended transition plan.
- 3) Providers shall continue to use the existing invoice templates. Providers do not have to complete Schedule IIB of the July 2018 invoices. However, the August 2018 invoices Schedule IIB must reflect the July 2018 and August 2018 Total Units of Service (TUOS) information. Schedule IIB will be used by BHS staff for informational purposes. Unit rate adjustments that appear will not impact the monthly payment.
- 4) Monthly invoices will be reimbursed up to (not to exceed) 1/12th of the Provider's annual contract maximum amount. This not to exceed provision does not apply to start-up costs.

The County requires measurable and incremental progress in processes and/or outcomes to justify suspending rate caps. CORs would be working with Providers to determine priority emphasis for each Program.

The temporary allowances will necessitate changes to how the monthly invoicing process will be handled after the Q1 ramp-up period. Details will be included in BHS communications prior to October 1, 2018.

Please contact your COR if you have any questions about this Information Sharing notice.

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