

# Information Sharing

Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System – Court Ordered Residential Treatment  
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Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Providers:

As the County of San Diego moves towards a July 1, 2018 implementation date for the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), updated information is shared as it becomes available. This information sharing notice clarifies how SUD program providers are to manage court ordered Residential treatment referrals received from the justice system. These referrals may be facilitated through the public defender’s office, the jail, or probation. If you have any questions about anything not clarified in this information sharing notice please contact your Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR).

Court ordered treatment referrals to Residential treatment received from the justice system should be accepted when income threshold (under Federal Poverty Line or FPL) and medical necessity is met regardless of the ASAM level of care indicated (*Figure 1*). For court ordered Residential treatment referrals that do not match the indicated ASAM level of care, providers are required to follow the routine residential authorization process. Optum has been advised that these admissions will be authorized. These exceptions for Residential level of care admissions will need to be tracked by the program and reported in quarterly status reports, as the County works to develop a system level tracking mechanism. Providers will be compensated for these services. Further direction on how to capture in SanWITS and in monthly invoices is forthcoming.

For all other clients represented in *Figure 2*, the recommendation for level of care is informed by the ASAM criteria assessment.



Regardless of court ordered Residential treatment and ASAM criteria determinations, it is the expectation that providers assist clients with enrolling in Medi-Cal to facilitate the Federal Financial Participation (FFP) draw-down for all eligible clients receiving treatment in the SUD programs. Follow up communications will be sent on how the number of Medi-Cal clients in the program and the actual Drug Medi-Cal units will be monitored.

If you have any questions or comments, please email us at [Info-DMC-ODS.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Info-DMC-ODS.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov)