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TO: Behavioral Health Services
Substance Use Disorder Providers

FROM: Alfredo Aguirre, Director
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UPDATES ON BHS DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

Effective July 1, 2018, Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) will become the primary payer for most substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services Behavioral Health Service (BHS) clients with SUD.

BHS has submitted its DMC Organized Delivery System (ODS) Fiscal Plan to the State of California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The preliminary feedback from DHCS has been positive. Discussions with DHCS to establish the County's Interim Rates are ongoing and we anticipate DHCS' final approval within the next few weeks. In the interim, we would like to share the attached schedule reflecting the County's current proposed Interim Rate caps, which are subject to change.

BHS anticipates that the majority of the current SUD providers are planning to continue to contract with BHS. Providers who have submitted their DMC certification application to DHCS must submit the notification from DHCS confirming the application has been approved, or is in the process of being approved, to your assigned Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) as soon as possible and no later than June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible for DMC-ODS rates and FY18-19 "start-up" funds.

In addition, providers that are DMC-certified, or whose DMC application has been submitted to and received by DHCS as of March 1, 2018 will be eligible for "start-up" funding in FY17-18 to cover qualified expenses in preparation for DMC-ODS implementation. Qualified expenses may include, but are not limited to, capital/tenant improvements, staff recruitment and training, equipment and software installment. Requests for exceptions to the March 1, 2018 certification cut-off period for FY17-18 "start-up" funds may be considered on a program-by-program basis.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact your COR.

For more information on the BHS DMC-ODS submitted implementation plan, please visit the BHS Technical Resource Library (TRL):

http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/programs/bhs/technical_resource_library.html

For information on DMC certification, please visit the DHCS website at:

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/adp/Pages/Drug_MediCal.aspx

For information on DHCS Special Terms and Conditions, please visit the DMC-ODS website at:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Drug-Medi-Cal-Organized-Delivery-System.aspx>

Sincerely,



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Attachment: County of San Diego Proposed Interim Rate Caps

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