

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT
WITH LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR TITLE XIX MEDI-CAL SERVICES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**

REQUEST:

Request Board approval and delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute Amendment No. 8 to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity (LE) Agreement No. DMH-01526 with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to increase LAUSD's Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) by \$715,211, from \$1,265,400 to \$1,980,611, fully funded by Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) - Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue and EPSDT-State General Funds (SGF), as of June 30, 2004. This Amendment implements a technical adjustment to LAUSD's EPSDT-FFP Medi-Cal revenue and EPSDT-SGF funding sources, consistent with the level of Title XIX Medi-Cal services rendered by LAUSD in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2004.

INTENT/JUSTIFICATION:

This Amendment increase exceeds the 20 percent MCA delegated authority language previously approved by your Board for the superseded DMH LE Agreements, effective FY 2003-2004. This LE Agreement was renewed, effective FY 2004-2005.

The purpose of Amendment No. 8 is to align LAUSD's FY 2003-2004 MCA with its EPSDT claims as of June 30, 2004. This Amendment implements a technical adjustment to the EPSDT funding sources by increasing LAUSD's MCA for FY 2003-2004 by \$715,211, from \$1,265,400 to \$1,980,611, consistent with the level of EPSDT program entitlement services rendered by LAUSD as of June 30, 2004. Between July 14, 2004 and July 20, 2004, after the financial closing of the fiscal year, DMH executed and processed four (4) consecutive amendments to LAUSD's Agreement No. DMH-01526, resulting in a MCA decrease for FY 2003-2004 which was lower than DMH's total payments to LAUSD.

In compliance with County Policy/Procedures for Timely Submission of Contracts for Board Approvals dated September 7, 2000, justification for Board approval meets exemption criteria No. 1 due to extenuating circumstances. Board approval of

Amendment No. 8 is critical to maintain the integrity of the collaborative partnership between DMH and LAUSD for the essential delivery of EPSDT program entitlement services to Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) students and their families in the underserved LAUSD, which has a multi-culturally diverse student population.

Since the first phase of the redirection and expansion of the EPSDT program in June 2003, LAUSD has experienced a significant increase in demand for multi-disciplinary mental health treatment services in Supervisorial District 2. The provision of early diagnosis, timely intervention, and mental health treatment services is a vital component in the educational assessment and planning for SED children whose functional impairment interferes with classroom learning. The essential and uninterrupted provision of early intervention, treatment, and parent education enriches LAUSD's capacity to meet the needs of its underserved student population; assists parents and teachers to facilitate, support, and enhance the student's optimum development to lead productive lives; and minimizes the need for expensive long-term care.

CONTRACTOR:

LAUSD's school mental health clinic provides culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services--assessment, treatment, medication support, case management, and crisis intervention--to school-age children and their families. LAUSD continually strives to meet the specific needs of its diverse students and to develop appropriate services that address unmet needs in its underserved school district. The 97th Street School mental health clinic is located at 439 West 97th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90003, in Supervisorial District 2.

FISCAL SUMMARY:

There is no increase in net County cost. For FY 2003-2004, Amendment No. 8 to the LE Agreement No. DMH-01526 with LAUSD in the amount of \$715,211 will be funded by \$40,711 in FFP Medi-Cal and \$674,500 in EPSDT-SGF revenues included in DMH's FY 2003-2004 Adopted Budget. The revised MCA for LAUSD will be \$1,980,611 for FY 2003-2004. The restoration of the MCA is consistent with the level of EPSDT program entitlement services rendered by LAUSD in FY 2003-2004.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS:

Board approval is required for Amendment No. 8 to restore LAUSD's MCA for FY 2003-2004 by \$715,211, from \$1,265,400 to \$1,980,611, consistent with the level of EPSDT program entitlement services rendered by LAUSD.

Since implementation of the Medicaid EPSDT Program in FY 1994-1995, the EPSDT program has enabled DMH to achieve a more comprehensive system of care to Medicaid recipients. The EPSDT program provides medically necessary services to Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries under 21 years of age to correct or ameliorate a physical or mental disability or condition. The expansion of LAUSD's service capacity complies with DMH's guiding principles for EPSDT expansion by enhancing the availability and accessibility of mental health services in schools and underserved communities throughout Los Angeles County.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:

Board approval of this Amendment will: 1) authorize DMH to make pass-through EPSDT-FFP Medi-Cal revenue and EPSDT-SGF payments to LAUSD, reimbursing the contractor for its billed and State-approved Medi-Cal services for FY 2003-2004, and 2) enable DMH to continue to augment current levels of EPSDT Program entitlement services in critically-needed areas throughout Los Angeles County.

Without Board approval, access to EPSDT Title XIX Medi-Cal services will be restricted and Los Angeles County residents will be underserved.

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