

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

APPROVAL TO RENEW AGREEMENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PROVIDERS AND ONE UNIQUE GROUP PROVIDER FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2009-10 THROUGH 2013-14 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval to renew Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements with individual and group providers and one unique group provider, for the provision of specialty mental health services.

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute renewals of Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements with individual and group providers and one unique group provider effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2014, for the provision of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services under Phase II Fee-For-Service (FFS) Medi-Cal consolidation. These Services will be funded with the annual State allocation of \$7,692,500 and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue of \$7,692,500.

Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future agreements with other qualified individual and group Providers who have been credentialed by the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP), and future amendments to the Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements, provided that: 1) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 2) any revision will reflect program, changes; 3) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designees, is obtained prior to any such Agreement or Amendment; and 4) the Director of Mental Health notifies the Board of Supervisors of Amendments or new Agreements in writing within 30 days after execution.

Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to terminate Agreements with individuals and groups including but not limited to, Individuals who: 1) request termination, are not re-credentialed, whose license is revoked, are convicted of fraud, fail to comply with contract provisions, cannot be located because of failure to update an address, and have been reported as deceased; and 2) groups and any unique groups that are disbanded. The Director of Mental Health will notify the Board of Supervisors in writing of such terminations within 30 days after execution of each termination.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to renew contracts with credentialed Medi-Cal providers now rendering specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries without interruption of services, and enter into Medi-Cal professional services agreements with new providers. Also, the executed Agreements will enable DMH to reimburse providers for specialty mental health services rendered to Los Angeles County Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries.

Renewal of these Agreements will ensure compliance with an Agreement entered into with the California Department of Mental Health (CDMH) to provide specialty mental health services to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Los Angeles County within the scope of services defined in the contract between DMH and CDMH. DMH contracts with individual and group providers and a unique group provider (UCLA Neuropsychiatric and Behavioral Health Services), who furnish the covered services to Los Angeles County beneficiaries. These agreements for the provision of specialty mental health services will expire on June 30, 2009.

Furthermore, approval of the actions will delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to terminate Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements should it be deemed necessary.

BACKGROUND

On March 10, 1998, your Board approved the County's participation in the Phase II Medi-Cal Mental Health Consolidation under DMH and LMHP, effective June 1, 1998. For the last 11 years, DMH has entered into contractual agreements with over 2,000 individual and group providers who have met State and LMHP credentialing standards. For Fiscal Years 2009-10, through 2013-14, over 400 of the individual and all 20 of the group providers are being renewed.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

State regulations require contractual agreements between DMH and FFS psychiatrists and psychologists who provide specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. In addition, an agreement is required between DMH and Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Registered Nurses with a Master's Degree within their scope of practice, providing Medi-Cal reimbursable specialty mental health services to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program beneficiaries. Credentialed service providers will continue to be offered a contract, and upon signing the Agreement, they will be enrolled in the LMHP

provider network. The providers under contract will be eligible for reimbursement for specialty mental health services provided under the LMHP for a five-year term from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2014.

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