

**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 2006-2007, 2007-2008, AND 2008-2009 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

**REQUEST**

Approve the renewal of the Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements with Individual and Group Providers and one (1) Unique Group Provider (University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Neuropsychiatric and Behavioral Health Services) and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute the agreements for the provision of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services under Phase II Fee-For-Service (FFS) Medi-Cal Consolidation. The agreements will be effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION**

The purpose of the requested actions is to comply with an Agreement entered into with California Department of Mental Health (CDMH) to continue provision of specialty mental health services to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Los Angeles County within the scope of services defined in the contract between the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and CDMH. DMH contracts with Individual, Group Providers and one (1) Unique Group Provider who agree to furnish covered services to Los Angeles County beneficiaries. All current agreements for the provision of specialty mental health services will expire on June 30, 2006.

Approval to renew these agreements will allow DMH to contract with credentialed Medi-Cal providers now rendering specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries without interruption of services and enter into Agreement with new providers. The executed Agreement enables DMH to reimburse providers for specialty mental health services rendered to Los Angeles County Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries. These services will be funded with the annual State allocation of \$75,441,224, and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue of \$10,798,000. The State allocation and FFP Medi-Cal revenue utilized for the provision of specialty mental health services has been included in DMH's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

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#### **BACKGROUND**

On March 10, 1998, the Board approved the County's participation in the Phase II Medi-Cal Mental Health Consolidation under DMH and the Local Mental Health Plan, (LMHP) effective June 1, 1998. DMH has entered into contractual agreements with over 600 Individual and 26 Group providers who have met State and LMHP credentialing standards and has executed such agreements for the last eight (8) years.

#### **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, a contractual 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 will be enrolled in the LMHP provider network. The providers under contract will subsequently be eligible to be reimbursed for specialty mental health services provided under the LMHP.