

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 FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2003-2004, 2004-2005 AND 2005-2006

AND

APPROVAL OF REVISED AGREEMENT FORMATS FOR MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PROVIDERS

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

REQUEST:

Approval of the renewal of Agreements with individual and group providers for the provision of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health to prepare, sign, and execute Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements and future new Agreements with individuals and groups. This Board action is requested due to the June 30, 2003 expiration date of these Agreements. The term of the renewed Agreements will commence on July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006.

Request approval of two revised formats of the Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreement with Medi-Cal Individual and Group Providers. The Agreements were revised to comply with newly Board-mandated language, including the "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act."

Request delegated authority for the Director of Mental Health to terminate: 1) individuals who request termination, fail to comply with specific contract provisions, cannot be located because of failure to update an address, and are reported as deceased; and 2) groups that are disbanded. This will allow Department of Mental Health (DMH) to maintain more accurate records and utilize staff more effectively.

CONTRACTORS:

On March 10, 1998, your Board approved the County's participation in the Phase II Medi-Cal Mental Health Consolidation under DMH as the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP), effective June 1, 1998. DMH entered into contractual arrangements with over 800 individual and over 30 group providers who have met State and LMHP credentialing standards for the provision of specialty mental health services.

INTENT:

Approval for the aforementioned action is requested to enable DMH to comply with the provision of specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries as required by a contract entered into by DMH with the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH).

The individual and group Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements are due to expire June 30, 2003. The renewal of these Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements will allow for uninterrupted provision of specialty mental health services to the Medi-Cal population throughout Los Angeles County. Further, these agreements will allow contractors to receive reimbursement for services rendered.

JUSTIFICATION:

For services to be reimbursed under LMHP State regulations require: 1) a contractual agreement between DMH and Fee-For-Service psychiatrists and psychologists who provide specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries; and 2) Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Registered Nurses with a master's degree within their scope of practice for providing specialty mental health services to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program. Providers are reimbursed based on the State's approved rates specified in the LMHP Provider Manual.

Funding was provided by a SDMH allocation in the amount of \$69,107,499 for FY 2002-2003. The State Managed Care allocation and Federal Financial Participation Medi-Cal revenues for the specialty mental health services has been included in DMH's Proposed Budget for FY 2003-2004. Funding for FYs 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 will be requested through the budget process. There is no impact on net County cost for implementing the recommended actions.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

DMH has entered into contract with individuals and groups on an ongoing basis to ensure adequate services are available to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Interested individuals and groups are sent an application by DMH Bureau of Standards, Practices and Conduct (BSPC), Professional Services-Provider Credentialing Section. Once the DMH/BSPC has credentialed the provider, the Contracts Development and Administration Division (CDAD) is advised that the provider is eligible to enter into contract with DMH. CDAD mails the Agreement to the provider. When the Agreement is returned with all the appropriate documentation, it is sent to the Director for signature.