

Important Notice from the California Department of Mental Health

On September 3rd, 2010 the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) released DMH Letter No. 10-05 which addressed the certification of Medi-Cal providers. This Letter reiterated the authority of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to impose administrative sanctions on Mental Health Plans (MHP's) and on their providers and contractors who are paid with Medi-Cal funds. The DHCS shall also report to the appropriate state and federal agencies when they deem it necessary under their mandated reporting requirements. In addition, this Letter required all MHP's to provide notice to all of their providers and contractors within three months of receiving this notice regarding this authority. This correspondence serves as your official notification of this authority.

As a reminder, by contracting with the Placer County MHP as an individual or organizational provider and subsequently paid with Medi-Cal funds, you become a Medi-Cal provider. All 56 county MHP's in California, prior to Medi-Cal certification of its providers, must ensure that both the *Office of Inspector General's Exclusion List* and the *Medi-Cal List of Suspended or Ineligible Providers* are checked. MHP's shall not certify any individual or organizational provider as a Medi-Cal provider if they show on one of these lists. Any inappropriate payments or overpayments made to a provider on one of these lists may be subject to recovery and/or be the basis for other sanctions by the appropriate authority.

You may view DMH Letter 10-05 using the link below:

http://www.dmh.ca.gov/DMHDocs/2010_Letters.asp

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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