



**MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: 5/3/2016

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Substance Use Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Certification

ACTION REQUESTED

Delegate authority to the Health and Human Services Director to approve current and future Placer County Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) provider applications, for county operated treatment to California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the certifying body.

BACKGROUND

Federal Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) is an entitlement program that has expanded its participation as more people are now eligible for healthcare coverage. Drug Medi-Cal services (DMC) include outpatient, intensive outpatient, methadone maintenance services, and residential for pregnant and perinatal women. In the future, if Counties choose to opt in to a new 1115 California state waiver, Drug Medi-Cal services will expand to residential, case management, recovery services, and more. Placer County is engaging in a community planning process to determine if and how services may expand.

Being Drug Medi-Cal Certified will allow the County to offer currently eligible services (e.g. substance use treatment groups) to Placer County residents as needs arise. Services offered under Drug Medi-Cal can be billed for federal reimbursement to bring in revenue for needed services. It will also allow the county, in the event Placer opts into the 1115 waiver expansion of substance use services, to bill for expanded services provided by County staff (e.g. case management).

While Placer will continue to utilize contracted providers to deliver the majority of DMC services, the County becoming certified allows greater flexibility to meet the substance use needs of our community and leverage the maximum amount of funding streams available for these mandated and necessary services. The numbers of people utilizing substance use treatment grew 37.8% from FY 2011-12 (1,163 served) to FY 2014-15 (1,603 served). By becoming Drug Medi-Cal certified, Placer County will be better prepared for further growth by leveraging all funding sources and methods of treatment delivery to offer a continuum of care to meet the varying needs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Drug Medi-Cal is 100 percent funded (for those newly eligible for Medi-Cal) with Federal dollars and this certification will provide a revenue source up to \$450,000 depending on the number of services provided. No revenue is yet included in the FY2016-17 Department's Budget as it has not been determined when certification will be achieved. This certification requires no County General Fund contribution.

ATTACHMENTS

These agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board for Review.

