



START-ODS

SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION TO ADVANCE RECOVERY AND TREATMENT

Los Angeles County's Substance Use Disorder Organized Delivery

CONTRACTING PREPARATIONS

Effective July 1, 2017, Only Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Providers with a Master Agreement (MA) with Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) and are Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Certified for contracted levels of care (formerly termed modalities) will be allowed to contract with SAPC. This applies to all treatment agencies/sites including those who provide DMC services and those who provide services under other funding sources such as General Relief, CalWORKs, and Drug Court.

To ensure continued participation in the new System Transformation to Advance Recovery and Treatment Organized Delivery System (START-ODS), providers must take the following actions:

➤ **ACTION 1: DMC CERTIFICATION**

Under the START – ODS, all SUD treatment services, including residential, will be reimbursed through DMC. The State of California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) DMC certification process is very detailed and can be lengthy. Providers must begin the process now to allow for the process and have their DMC certification by the July 1, 2017 deadline. Below is some helpful information:

- Application is available at: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/adp/Pages/Drug_MediCal.aspx
- DMC ASAM Designation: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/ASAM-Designation.aspx>
- Make sure the application is the latest version: Drug Medi-Cal Certification Application - DHCS 6001 (Revised 12/2014), DHCS 6009 (Revised 12/2014), DHCS 6010 Revised 12/2014, and DHCS 6207 (Revised 02/2015)
- For assistance with the application, please call DHCS Provider Enrollment Division Message Center at (916) 323-1945, or via email at DHCSDMCRecert@dhcs.ca.gov.
- Certification should be for each Level Of Care and for all sites
- To have DMC Certification by July 1, 2017, application must be submitted by August 1, 2016

➤ **ACTION 2: SAPC MASTER AGREEMENT**

Master Agreements (MA) will be required for all SUD Treatment Providers. The MA application is continuously open and should include all the levels of the care the provider currently provides or intends to provide in the near future. This process may also be timely and providers are encouraged to submit their application soon.

- Application is available at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cg/index.htm>
 - Under: Department of Public Health (DPH) OPEN SOLICITATIONS
 - [2012-004 Substance Use Disorder RFSQ \(Re-Open\)](#)
 - [Addendum Number 6](#) (8-24-15)

- MA should include all Levels of Care agency intends to provide.
- To have MA by July 1, 2017, application must be submitted by August 1, 2016

➤ **ACTION 3: MONTHLY MONITORING**

On April 11, 2016, SAPC issued Bulletin No. 16-03, requiring all providers to submit a monthly form indicating any organizational changes, progress towards START-ODS preparations and requesting any needed technical assistance. These forms are reviewed by SAPC's Contract Program Auditors and used to identify areas of assistance. Providers are encourage to take advantage of this form to request assistance with any of the required actions.

- Form is available at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/bulletins/bulletin.htm>
 - Monthly Status Checks of Agencies
 - Agency Monthly Status Check Form
- Due by the 5th of every Month
- Document your preparation activities
- Request any needed technical assistance

➤ **OTHER ACTIONS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

- Secure a Medical Director who is approved by DHCS and SAPC
 - California Breeze License Verification:
 - <https://www.breeze.ca.gov/datamart/loginCADCA.do;jsessionid=8BA775FE4A93A5DD2A2C81A27EC5B035.vo23>
- Evaluate staffing structure and ability to hire other qualified clinicians such as Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), LCSW interns, Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT), and MFT interns
- Prepare and train counseling/clinical staff on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, including levels of care and medical necessity determinations
- Enhance and/or develop quality improvement and utilization management practices
- Evaluate the feasibility of partnerships and networks with other SUD and non-SUD providers to share/improve administrative operations and functions (e.g., medical director, quality improvement and utilization management activities, data collection and evaluation)
- Conduct capital improvements to ensure full utilization of all facilities and support delivery of effective clinical services
- Develop strategic and development plans to increase operational capacity
- Attend all SAPC DMC-ODS related events/meetings/trainings by relevant staff

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact your assigned contract program auditor or Contract Services Division at (626) 299-4532.