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- TO: Los Angeles County Substance Use Disorder Contracted Treatment Providers
- FROM: Gary Tsai, M.D., Bureau Director XX Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

## SUBJECT: REVISED: FIELD-BASED SERVICES IN NON-CLINICAL SETTINGS

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health's (Public Health) Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) is issuing Bulletin #23-14 to update guidelines for network providers interested in providing Field-Based Services (FBS) as a service delivery option under the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) benefit package.

FBS can be delivered at community sites approved by SAPC or in-home at the location where a client lives. The use of FBS is expected to improve access to care for marginalized and hard-to-reach populations and offers a flexible, client-centered approach to substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services that can increase patient engagement and motivation. FBS are to be delivered in accordance with treatment standards outlined in the current version of the *Field Based Services Standards and Practices* (Attachment I) and *SAPC Provider Manual*.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email Bernie Lau at <u>blau@ph.lacounty.gov</u> or <u>SAPC\_ASOC@ph.lacounty.gov</u>.

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Attachments