



<b>To:</b>	<b>DMC-ODS Contracted Service Providers</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>Behavioral Health Services</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>June 11, 2025</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Access to Contingency Management Services – Dual Enrollment</b>

## Background

Contingency Management (CM), under the Recovery Incentives Program, is an evidence-based practice to treat individuals with stimulant use disorders by providing them with incentives to reinforce positive behavioral change measured by negative drug tests for stimulants. California is the first state in the country to receive federal approval for CM as a benefit in the Medicaid program from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as part of the [CalAIM 1115 Demonstration](#). The Recovery Incentives Program is available in participating DMC-ODS counties, including San Diego County, in outpatient, intensive outpatient, and Narcotic Treatment Program settings.

Programs participating in the Recovery Incentives Program and providing CM services in San Diego County:

- Family Health Centers of San Diego - Solutions for Recovery
- McAlister Institute - South Bay Women’s Recovery Center
- Recover Medical Group – Central (Upcoming)
- Revive Pathway (Upcoming)

Other locations outside of San Diego County offering CM may be viewed by visiting:

- [DMC-ODS Counties Participating in the Recovery Incentives Program](#)

## Directive

CM services are available through Recovery Incentives Program participating providers for individuals who meet American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for outpatient level of care or recovery services and who have a moderate to severe stimulant use disorder. When an individual is identified as likely to benefit from CM services, it is best practice to transition that individual’s SUD treatment to a participating provider. If transfer to a program offering CM services is not feasible or not clinically indicated, dual enrollment in a program offering CM services and another outpatient SUD treatment provider is allowable by following the procedures outlined herein.

It is essential that the CM provider and ongoing SUD treatment provider clarify roles, scope, and limitation of services to be provided by each entity, avoid duplication of services, and coordinate approach(es) to addressing drug screening results, care coordination responsibilities, and communication around discharge and/or transition of services.

CM services are only available to Medi-Cal members who meet the following conditions:

- Are enrolled in Medi-Cal and meet access criteria for a comprehensive, individualized course of SUD treatment.
- Residing in a participating DMC-ODS county that elects and is approved by DHCS to participate in the Recovery Incentives Program.
- Receiving services in non-residential level of care operated by a DMC-ODS provider participating in the Recovery Incentives Program and offering CM in accordance with DHCS policies and procedures.

Members who are receiving care in residential treatment are not eligible for dual enrollment in contingency management.

## Process & Requirements

1. Current SUD treatment provider contacts COR for awareness on plan to refer client to a CM provider for dual enrollment in CM services.
2. Current SUD treatment provider obtains client consent to contact the CM provider to make a referral and to coordinate care with the CM provider once the client is enrolled in CM services.
3. Current SUD treatment provider informs the client of the services that will continue to be provided by the current SUD program while the client is receiving CM services.
4. Current SUD treatment provider contacts CM provider to initiate referral and coordination of care.
5. CM provider conducts an intake and informs client of the services that will be provided by the program.
6. CM provider obtains client consent for communication and coordination of care with the current SUD treatment provider.
7. Both providers coordinate transition planning and ongoing care if completion of treatment occurs at different times between programs.
8. Both providers communicate and reinforce that at any point in the treatment episode, the client may choose to transfer to the CM provider for their clinically necessary SUD treatment.

## References

- [CalAIM 1115 Demonstration](#)
- [BHIN 24-031: Updated Guidance for the Recovery Incentives Program: California's Contingency Management Benefit](#)
- [Recovery Incentives Program: California's Contingency Management Benefit](#)
- [DHCS Recovery Incentives FAQ](#)

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### For More Information:

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