

Information Sharing

Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS)
Reentry and Drug Courts SUD Treatment Services – 2018–007

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County BHS Reentry and Drug Courts SUD Treatment Providers:

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is pleased to share that the County is on track to implement Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) in San Diego County. Effective July 1, 2018, various BHS Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Providers are slated to begin aligning their services per the County's DMC-ODS requirements.

However, the processes in Reentry and Drug Courts (or Collaborative Courts) will remain unchanged at this time. During the first year of DMC-ODS implementation, the treatment program staff of the Collaborative Courts are expected to continue to provide programmatic recommendations to the Collaborative Court Team. As they do today, the treatment program staff should continue to use the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria as an informational tool, together with all information available, for consideration by the Collaborative Court Team and the Judge in SUD treatment-level matching. In fiscal year 2018-2019, the contract maximum allocation, unit rates, scope of work, and CalOMS requirements also remain unchanged. In addition, Reentry and Drug Court providers may continue to refer to BHS DMC-ODS programs for the Collaborative Court clients. Further direction and follow up communications on how to capture data/information in SanWITS and in monthly invoices, as well as other operational details (e.g., using forms) are forthcoming.

County BHS intends to maximize opportunities to leverage federal funds through DMC-ODS. Presently, County staff are evaluating and developing the process of phasing BHS Reentry and Drug Courts programs into DMC-ODS by July 1, 2019. Throughout the evaluation and development period, ASAM-related trainings, consultation services/technical assistance from California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS), and County staff support will continue to be available to Providers.

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