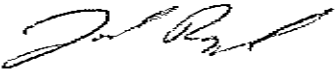




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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Bulletin is to inform contracted treatment providers of a shift in practice regarding treatment program site reviews conducted by the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). These changes in practice will be effective immediately.

**DISCUSSION:** Site reviews generally involve inspecting samples of documentation including, but not limited to, licensing and certification, billing lines, and participant files from a specific review period, as well as a facility walkthrough.

In the past, DBH has limited recoupment for most identified deficiencies to the adjudicated, or specified, three-month period. Going forward, DBH may exercise the option to expand the review period and recoupment outside of the adjudicated timeframe to the full year under review.

In addition, DBH will begin conducting follow-up visits within 120 days of receipt and acceptance of Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) to address deficiencies. This is to ensure that corrections are being implemented and that new practices continue to be used.

Finally, if a deficiency related to medical necessity is found during a site review, the provider will be subject to a follow-up review in which DBH will conduct a chart audit of select files every month until the provider is 100% compliant for three consecutive months. If the provider is non-compliant at any time within the three-month review period, a new three-month review period will be initiated. The provider may also be subject to recoupment.

The County endeavors to work together with treatment providers to be of utmost assistance to individuals who depend on these services. However, to ensure overall quality service delivery and as the DMC program administrator, DBH has a responsibility to see that contractual local, state, and federal obligations are met, and to initiate recoupment when appropriate.

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**REFERENCES:**

Negotiated Net Amount, Exhibit C, Articles III and VI

Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations §51341.1, Drug Medi-Cal Substance Abuse Services

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