

# Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver Implementation Plan Overview

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# DMC Organized Delivery System (DMC ODS) Review

On May 3, 2016, Behavioral Wellness introduced the DMC ODS to the BOS. Behavioral Wellness was tasked with returning to the Board of Supervisors with an outline of the DMC ODS Implementation Plan before submitting the plan to the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for approval.

The DMC ODS will:

- Improve the quality and availability of substance use disorder (SUD) services for California's beneficiaries;
- Expand and enhance DMC covered benefits;
- Give county officials more authority to select quality providers; and
- Create a consumer-focused and evidenced-based system of care.



# DMC Organized Delivery System

## Critical Elements

### Critical Elements Include:

- ❖ Continuum of care modeled after American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria;
- ❖ Increased local control and accountability;
- ❖ Greater administrative oversight;
- ❖ Utilization controls to improve care and manage resources;
- ❖ Evidence-based practices;
- ❖ Coordination with other systems of care; and
- ❖ Expanded benefits.



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Current DMC Benefits
Outpatient Group Counseling
Outpatient Individual Session for Assessment
Outpatient Individual Crisis Sessions
Outpatient Treatment Plan Review Session
Outpatient Discharge Planning Individual Session
Expanded ODS DMC Benefits
Non Perinatal Residential Treatment Services
Case management Sessions
Recovery Support Groups and or Individual Sessions (Aftercare)
Withdrawal Management
Regular individual Sessions (in addition to currently covered sessions)



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## Highlights of SB Implementation Plan

- Fully collaborative planning process;
- Provision of all required service benefits;
- Inclusion of expanded, optional Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services;
- Possible inclusion of Medical Detoxification and Recovery Residence (Sober Living) services if funding allows;
- Emphasis on Quality Control and Quality Management;
- Extensive Training and Technical Assistance Component; and
- Competitive provider selection process.



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## DMC ODS Pilot Benefits ~ Required to provide:

- Early Intervention;
- Outpatient Services~includes Intensive Outpatient Treatment and Naltrexone;
- Residential (not limited to Perinatal);
- Narcotic Treatment Program;
- Withdrawal Management (at least one level);
- Recovery Services;
- Case Management; and
- Physician Consultation.



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## County Responsibilities:

- Selective Provider Contracting Process:
  - Access
  - Selection Criteria
  - Contract Denial/Appeal Process
  - Provider Requirements
- Authorization for Residential Treatment;
- Beneficiary Access Number (24/7 toll free);
- Beneficiary Informing (upon first contact);
- Care Coordination;
- Quality Improvement/Utilization Management; and
- County Implementation Plan/Contract.



# DMC Organized Delivery System Waiver

## Timeline\*:

- Implementation Plan Submitted to DHCS (May 1, 2017)
- Plan Approval by CMS and DHCS (June - July, 2017)
- Negotiation of Rates (September-November 2017)
- Approval of Plan and rates by CMS and DHCS (November 2017)
- Approval by BOS of the CMS and DHCS Intergovernmental Agreement (December 2017)
- Begin the provider selection process (January 2018)
- Implementation of ODS (FY 18-19)

\*Timeline may vary depending on DHCS and CMS responses.

