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TO: Los Angeles County Substance Use Disorder
Contracted Treatment Network Providers

FROM: John M. Connolly, Ph.D., M.S.Ed., Interim Division Director
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SUBJECT: **OUT-OF-COUNTY TREATMENT FACILITIES**

With the implementation of System Transformation to Advance Recovery and Treatment, Los Angeles County's Substance Use Disorder Organized Delivery System (START-ODS), Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) services are available to eligible Medi-Cal, My Health LA, and other County-funded program (e.g., Assembly Bill 109) participants who reside in Los Angeles County. Effective July 1, 2018, Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) contracted Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment providers that operate a DMC-certified site in other California neighboring counties may use those facilities to deliver services to eligible Los Angeles County beneficiaries.

All contract requirements apply to treatment conducted in facilities located outside of Los Angeles County, including, but not limited to:

- All treatment requirements as described in the most current version of the *Provider Manual for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services*, and as outlined in the contractual agreements for SUD treatment services.
- Pre-approval of all treatment facilities must be pre-approved by Los Angeles County-Substance Abuse Prevention and Control prior to providing services. Services provided prior to approval may not be eligible for reimbursement.
- Treatment facilities must meet all certification and/or licensing requirements. This includes certifications by the California Department of Health Care Services and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

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- Treatment facility information, including phone numbers, contact staff, and hours of operation must be recorded in the contract. Any changes must be reported immediately to SAPC's Contracts and Compliance Division.
- All contracted sites and treatment facilities are subject to inspection at the discretion of SAPC. Providers may be required to reimburse the County for resources, including travel and lodging, used to inspect out of County sites.

For additional information related to this bulletin, please contact your assigned Contract Program Auditor.

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