

Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

December 13, 2022

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director to Sign, Amendment No. A01 to State Standard Agreement No. 21-10037 with the California Department of Health Care Services for the Provision of Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Substance Use Disorder Services, in the Amount of \$109,062,000, Effective July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2024; Ratification of VCBH's Provision of Services Prior to Approval of Agreement No. A01.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign, Amendment No. A01 to State Standard Agreement No. 21-10037 for the provision of Drug Med-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) substance use disorder (SUD) services with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), in the amount of \$109,062,000, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. (Exhibit 1)
2. Ratification of VCBH's provision of services prior to approval of Amendment No. A01 as of July 1, 2022.

REASON FOR RATIFICATION:

VCBH received the Amendment No. A01 from DHCS in October of 2022, therefore, VCBH had already begun delivering services to beneficiaries as of July 1, 2022. VCBH is presenting Amendment No. A01 to your Board at the earliest opportunity for review and approval.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

SUS Division #3220

Mandatory: No [x] Yes [] Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation Funds-93.778 and State General Fund.

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$36,354,000	\$36,354,000
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$36,354,000	\$36,354,000
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$36,354,000	\$36,354,000
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2022-23 Adjusted Budget for Substance Use Services (SUS) Division #3220				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$33,187,756	\$37,144,183	\$37,144,183	\$0
Revenue	\$32,517,839	\$32,517,839	\$32,517,839	\$0
Net Cost	\$669,917	\$4,626,344	\$4,626,344	\$0

Note: Sufficient revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2022-2023 adjusted budget for SUS Services BU#3220.

DISCUSSION:

Background

In December 2018, VCBH began implementing DMC-ODS, a new system of health care service delivery for Medi-Cal beneficiaries that includes the provision of SUD services, modeled after the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for SUD treatment services.

Essential components of the DMC-ODS service delivery plan include: (1) treatment services available to beneficiaries, (2) beneficiary procedures for moving through different levels of the continuum of care, (3) beneficiary access and data collection information, (4) coordination procedures for mental health service beneficiaries with co-occurring disorders, (5) coordination procedures for provision of physical health services, (6) county coordination assistance needs, (7) the availability and accessibility of adequate number and types of service providers in the county, (8) county procedures for timely access to care and service requirements, (9) training options that will be made available to service providers, (10) county technical assistance needs, (11) quality assurance procedures and oversight, (12) procedures to ensure the county will use evidence-based practices, (13) telehealth services, (14) contracting process and procedures, (15) medication assisted treatment plans, (16) residential services authorization processes, and (17) a mechanism for sharing information and coordinating service delivery for beneficiaries served.

On September 14, 2021, your Board approved State Standard Agreement No. 21-10037, which is the current agreement between the County and DHCS for VCBH's provision of DMC-ODS SUD services for FY 2021-24. The purpose of State Standard Agreement No. 21-10037 is to identify and provide covered DMC-ODS services for SUD treatment for Medi-Cal beneficiaries within VCBH's service area. The agreement is the established mechanism for the County to receive federal and state allocated funds for the array of SUD services that are provided under the DMC-ODS waiver. It specifies the conditions and requirements that VCBH must meet to receive federal and state allocated funds. Specifically, the State Standard Agreement No. 21-10037 details the: (1) program offerings and system access requirements, (2) program integrity requirements, (3) beneficiary protection requirements, (4) data and information submission requirements, (5) approved county proposed rates for all services, (6) revenue and expenditure reporting requirements, (7) funding usage and reimbursement requirements, (8) audit and record requirements, (9) various requirements associated with conducting business with the State of California, (10) information confidentiality and security requirements, and (11) privacy and information security provisions (as defined under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and California Information Practices Act).

Under Agreement No. 21-10037, VCBH provides the following DMC-ODS SUD services: adult/adolescent outpatient, intensive outpatient and narcotic/opioid treatment services, as well as Drug Medi-Cal adult/adolescent residential treatment, withdrawal management, recovery support services, care coordination and case management, physician consultation programs, medication assisted treatment and a 24/7 beneficiary Access Line.

Recommendation #1: Amendment No. A01

The proposed Amendment No. A01 revises the State Standard Agreement No. 21-10037 to: (1) update the Indian Health Care Providers enrollment, certification, service provision, and rate requirements, (2) add requirements related to the timely provision of covered substance use disorder services that are appropriate for each beneficiaries' condition,

consistent with good professional practice, and in line with established provider networks, policies, procedures, and quality assurance monitoring systems that ensure clinical appropriateness, (3) revise some grievances and appeals resolution and notification timeframes, (4) revise and add requirements related to nondiscrimination, language assistance, and information access for individuals with limited English proficiency and/or disabilities, (5) add additional Discrimination Grievance Coordinator and grievance reporting requirements, (6) add new professional staff requirements related to Alcohol or other drug counselors, Medical Directors of Narcotic Treatment Programs, and Peer Support Specialists, (7) add DMC-ODS services assessment, access, and level of care determination criteria, and (8) add new mandatory and optional DMC-ODS covered services and requirements.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, Amendment No. A01 to State Standard Agreement No. 21-10037 with DHCS for VCBH's provision of DMC-ODS SUD services, in the amount of \$109,062,000, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Recommendation #2: Ratification

As explained above, VCBH did not receive Amendment No. A01 from DHCS until October 2022, but VCBH had already begun delivering DMC-ODS SUD services to beneficiaries as of July 1, 2022. Therefore, VCBH also recommends ratification of VCBH's provisions of DMC-ODS SUD services pursuant to Amendment No. A01 as of July 1, 2022.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact VCBH Director Scott Gilman at (805) 981-2214 or Health Care Agency Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 973-5357.


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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Amendment No. A01 to State Standard Agreement No. 21-10037