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PURPOSE

This bulletin provides information to counties and direct contract providers regarding the State Fiscal Year 2000-01 Budget Act.

DISCUSSION➤ Drug Medi-Cal (DMC)

There is a \$12.544 million total fund augmentation for additional caseload generated by the State's growing population and an increase in DMC reimbursement rates to providers. This amount will be distributed through the county contract process.

\$6.2 million is added for a partial-year expansion of Day Care Habilitative service eligibility to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries and for including case management and aftercare services. These changes to the DMC program will require federal approval.

In addition, trailer bill language¹ has been passed and signed by the Governor to: (1) extend Medi-Cal benefits to "independent foster care adolescents [under age 21] who are employed with a medically improved disability", (2) disregard Title II Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) income for medically needy individuals and families under Welfare Reform, and (3) remove the share of cost requirement for certain Aged, Blind, and Disabled persons under a program option for countable income and resources. These changes to Medi-Cal eligibility will increase both general Medi-Cal and DMC caseloads. The Legislature also requires federal approval for implementation.

¹ AB 2877 (Chapter 93, Statutes of 2000)

➤ Adult Treatment

There is a \$7.7 million SGF augmentation to expand treatment services directed toward adults who are utilizing other public systems.

➤ Youth Treatment and Prevention

The \$20.9 million from FY 1999-00 unexpended federal block grant funds² is directed for youth³ prevention and treatment services. Additionally, an augmentation of \$5.7 million SGF and \$2.666 million SAPT funds will expand youth treatment services. Lastly, \$2 million of SAPT funds⁴ are designated for the Youth Development and Crime Prevention Initiative (CDCPI). CDCPI funds will be available to a limited group of counties through a competitive process. All SAPT and SGF used for youth treatment will be subject to the conditions set forth in the Interim Youth Treatment Guidelines.

➤ Federally Funded Categorical Activities

There is a \$6.6 million authority increase to incorporate the SAPT Block Grant increase.⁵ These funds will be utilized for prevention services, HIV services, and the Department's Dual Diagnosis Pilot Project. In addition, there is a \$400,000 authority increase to incorporate the SDFSC Block Grant increase for reimbursements through the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

➤ State-Funded Categorical Activities

The Department, in collaboration with the Judicial Council, received a \$10 million SGF augmentation for the Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation Act to supplement local drug court systems and to complete a mandated evaluation. Trailer bill AB 2876 modified the Budget Act to include drug court services for parents of children in family law cases involving custody and visitation issues.

2 \$20.4 million Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment [SAPT] and \$500,000 Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities [SDFSC] funds.

3 Under 21 years of age.

4 \$1,025,000 is one-time only and \$975,000 is ongoing.

5 \$4.5 million is one-time only and \$2.1 million is ongoing.

There is a \$2.8 million augmentation in California Department of Corrections reimbursements to serve 1,166 more parolees, through increased funding to San Diego and Fresno counties' Parolee Services Network projects and Network inclusion of Sacramento, Kern, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

There is a \$2.5 million SGF augmentation to continue funding existing women and children's residential treatment services as their federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment grants expire. These counties are exempted from the 10 percent SGF matching funds required if their population exceeds 100,000.

The nine technical assistance organizations that are currently under Department contract following the standard competitive Request for Proposal process and funded through the SAPT Block Grant will receive an augmentation of \$850,000 SGF. This is to increase the availability of treatment services and increase access to treatment, prevention, and recovery services for historically underserved populations.

The Budget Act includes \$150,000 SGF for People in Progress Alcohol Recovery Program in Los Angeles County.

➤ Other Activities

We will begin collaborating with appropriate stakeholders to better inform medical doctors of the need to diagnose and treat substance abuse. This will involve outreach, information dissemination, and training of medical professionals. In addition, there is an integration of job training and retention services into substance abuse treatment services.

The Department has lowered its DUI licensing fees to reduce the trust fund surplus to a prudent reserve within a five-year period. Further information on these fees is available in Department Bulletin 00-21, signed by Joy Jarfors, Acting Deputy Director, Quality Assurance Division, dated June 30, 2000.

REFERENCES

Budget Act, Chapter 52, Statutes of 2000
AB 2876, Chapter 108, Statutes of 2000
AB 2877, Chapter 93, Statutes of 2000

HISTORY

Not Applicable

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

Please direct questions regarding the Department's FY 2000-01 budget to Ms. Carmen Delgado, Manager, Program and Fiscal Policy Branch, at (916) 445-0136.

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