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## ADP BULLETIN

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This is to inform you of the pending implementation of supplemental alcohol and other drug (AOD) counseling services as a Medi-Cal benefit under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) mandate. These services may be provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the age of 21 who are enrolled in a Drug/Medi-Cal (D/MC) certified outpatient drug free (ODF) program.

**BACKGROUND**

The federal EPSDT mandate requires states to provide to Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the age of 21 any medically necessary health care, diagnostic service, treatment, and other measures to correct or ameliorate defects, or physical/mental illnesses and conditions discovered by a screening, whether or not such services are covered under the state plan. Title 22, California Code of Regulations, section 51341.1(b)(9), limits Individual ODF counseling services to intake (including evaluation, assessment, and diagnosis), crisis intervention, collateral services, and treatment and discharge planning.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INDIVIDUAL ODF COUNSELING SERVICES TO BE ADDED AS AN EPSDT BENEFIT**

Supplemental individual ODF counseling services are being added by the Department of Health Services (DHS) as an EPSDT supplemental AOD benefit for individuals under the age of 21 who have full-scope Medi-Cal coverage. The supplemental individual ODF counseling will consist of any other individual counseling, other than the ODF counseling services listed above, as indicated by the client's treatment needs such as: issues an EPSDT-eligible individual may have with his/her parents/family, significant other, continued substance abuse, parenting his/her child, etc. These services must be prior-approved through DHS' Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) process. ODF clinics certified as D/MC providers through ADP will be able to provide and bill for the supplemental individual counseling services through the fee for service claiming system. Training will be provided by DHS. The anticipated implementation date of this benefit is November 1, 1997. A summary of the changes is enclosed.

**QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE**

You will be informed as further information becomes available. Please call Marie Leonard, Associate Program Analyst, Program and Fiscal Policy Branch, at (916) 322-0495 if you have any questions.

**Enclosures**

Enclosures 1: [EPSDT Supplemental AOD Counseling Services](#).