MONTEREY COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER NEW WAIVER 2018

The goal of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) is to support an integrated system of care by better coordinating substance use disorder (SUD) services, physical health services, and mental health services. Clients can access services by reaching out to our call center 24/7.

NEW CONTRACT WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
CREATES OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW DOWN ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING

The implementation of the organized delivery system allows us to expand our state substance use allocation from $5 million per year to an anticipated $13 million per year. This allows us to treat additional community members and increase the reimbursement rates of our contract providers.

IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE BASED LEVELS OF CARE
USE OF ASAM CRITERIA IMPROVES CARE CONTINUUM

Delivery of DMC-ODS services is based upon a continuum of care modeled after the American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM) criteria for Substance-Related and Co-Occurring Conditions. So far 735 ASAM assessments have been completed.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT
EXPANDED BENEFITS

With the new levels of care, we have implemented a care continuum that treats both mental health and substance use needs.

OUTPATIENT TREATMENT
EXPANDED BENEFITS

Our contract providers have expanded outpatient treatment services including services to South County.

NEW AFTERCARE
CASE MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES

For the first time our contract providers can bill for both aftercare and case management. These services help clients get connected to benefits, jobs and recovery support.

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT
NEW MEDICATIONS ADDED TO SERVICES

The waiver now includes coverage for additional drugs that treat opiate disorders including Buprenorphine, Suboxone and Narcan in addition to Methadone.

NEW AUTHORIZATION PROCESS
ROBUST NEW QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

County staff have developed an authorization process for residential services to ensure all clients are in the level of care they need. Since the start of the waiver, 100% of authorizations have been completed within the 24 hour requirement.