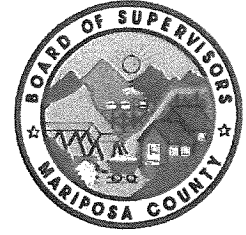


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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-681

MEETING: December 21, 2021
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director
RE: California DHCS Amendment to Multi-Year Agreement 17-94593

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Amendment to Five-Year Agreement No. 17-94593 with the State Department of Health Care Services Authorizing Mariposa County Behavioral Health to Provide Specialty Mental Health Services; and Authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director to Sign the Amendment.

On March 29, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the Medicaid Mental Health Parity Final Rule (Parity Rule) to strengthen access to mental health and substance use disorder services for Medicaid beneficiaries. The Parity Rule was intended to create consistency between the commercial and Medicaid markets. Specifically, the Medicaid Parity Rule includes the following compliance requirements:

- * Aggregate lifetime and annual dollar limits
- * Financial requirements (FR) such as copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and out-of-pocket maximums
- * Quantitative treatment limitations (QTLs), which are limits on the scope or duration of benefits that are represented numerically, such as day limits or visit limits
- * Non-quantitative treatment limitations (NQTLs), which are limits on the scope or duration of benefits in processes, strategies, and evidentiary standards, or other factors, such as medical management standards or provider network admission standards
- * Availability of information

A key objective of the Medicaid Parity Rule is to ensure that restrictions or limits are not more substantively applied on mental health and substance use disorder services as compared to medical surgical services. Parity compliance requires that the analysis of imposed restrictions and limitations is conducted in the four benefit categories: inpatient, outpatient, prescription drugs, and emergency services. Further, the Medicaid Parity Rule requires that parity is applied across delivery systems and includes long-term care services and supports.

This agreement outlines MCBHRS responsibilities to implement Parity requirements for Medi-cal Beneficiaries.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors approved the agreement with DHCS on July 10, 2018 through Resolution No. 2018-324.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the agreement is not approved MCBHRS would be found to be out of compliance with state and federal regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no new costs for this amendment because HHS (BH) already provides parity in services for SUDS and Mental Health. Under this Agreement, Behavioral Health provides services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries and receives the federal share of reimbursement. This Agreement provides the primary revenue source for Behavioral Health. There is no impact on the general fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 3.0 2017-22 Mariposa MHP Contract - Exhibits A B and E_Parity Amendment FINAL updated (PDF)**
- 2.0 std213A Mariposa Page 2 (PDF)**
- Transmittal Letter - MHP Contract Parity Amendment 17-94593 (PDF)**
- Certification Clauses (PDF)**
- MHP - MHS - Standard Agmt & Cnty Res Pg (2018-324)18-324 (Final) (PDF)**
- 1.0 STD 213A - December 9 2021 (PDF)**

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey