

## **Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver**

The Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver is a pilot program to demonstrate how organized substance use disorder care improves the outcomes of individuals with substance use disorders while decreasing other system health care costs.

Implementation of the pilot program will occur in counties who elect to participate. Medi-Cal beneficiaries are eligible to participate if they meet medical necessity criteria for substance use disorder treatment and reside in a county of residence that has opted into the pilot. DMC services approved through the State Plan Benefit will continued to be provided in Counties not opting into the waiver.

DHCS will contract directly with Counties to provide DMC-ODS services that will in turn contract with substance use treatment providers or provide county operated services. These services may be provided in a regional model or in concert with other counties.

### **Key Components:**

- ASAM Criteria will be used to determine the appropriate level of care necessary.
- Narcotic treatment programs will be adding the availability of buprenorphine, disulfiram, and naloxone in addition to existing methadone maintenance.
- Withdrawal management services will be made available within the ASAM continuum of care.
- Residential treatment will be required in all participating counties. Programs will no longer be restricted to a 16 bed limit (IMD exclusion).
- Specialty physician consultation services will address complex patients, medication selection, dosing, side effect management, adherence, drug-drug interactions, and level of care considerations.
- Case management will assist beneficiaries in accessing or coordinating care for both physical health and substance use disorder treatment.
- Recovery services which include relapse prevention and aftercare will be available for patients who have “graduated” from active treatment.

Full details are available at:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Standard-Terms-and-Conditions.aspx>