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Briefing: Drug Medi-Cal  
Organized Delivery System  
(DMC-ODS)  
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# Substance Use Disorders (SUD) are chronic illnesses that affect millions of Californians

People with Substance Use Disorder in California

Any Substance



Alcohol



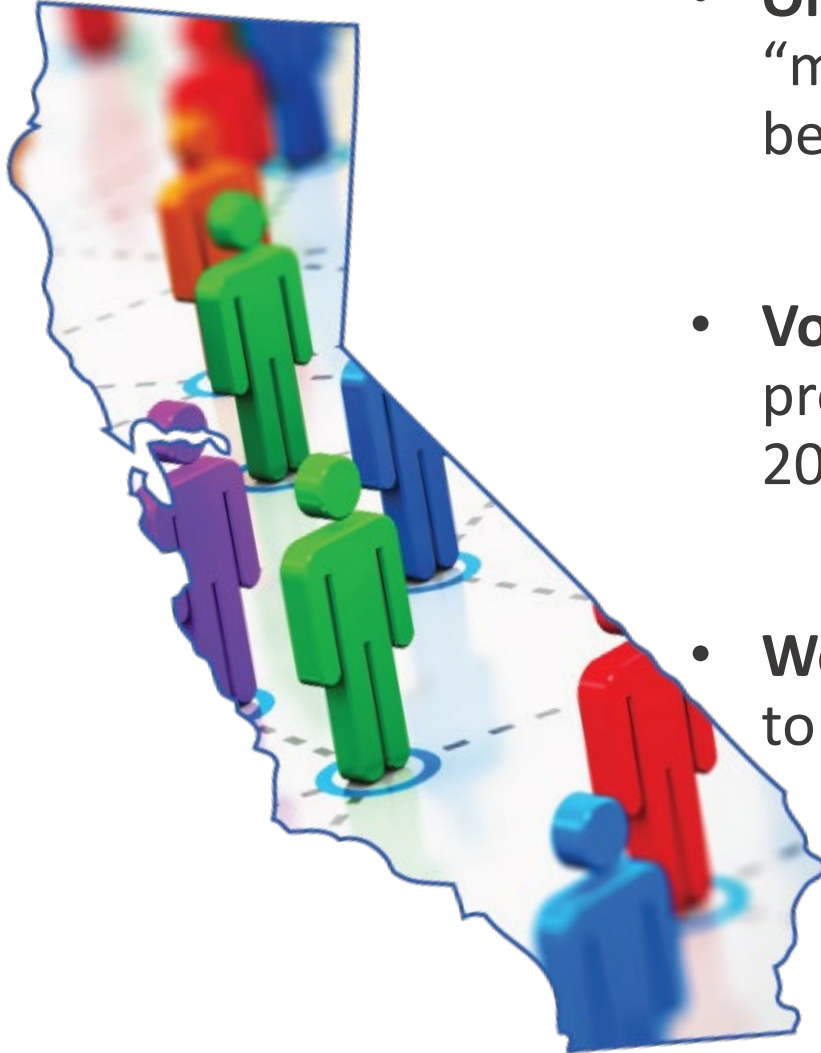
Illicit Drugs



Pain Medication

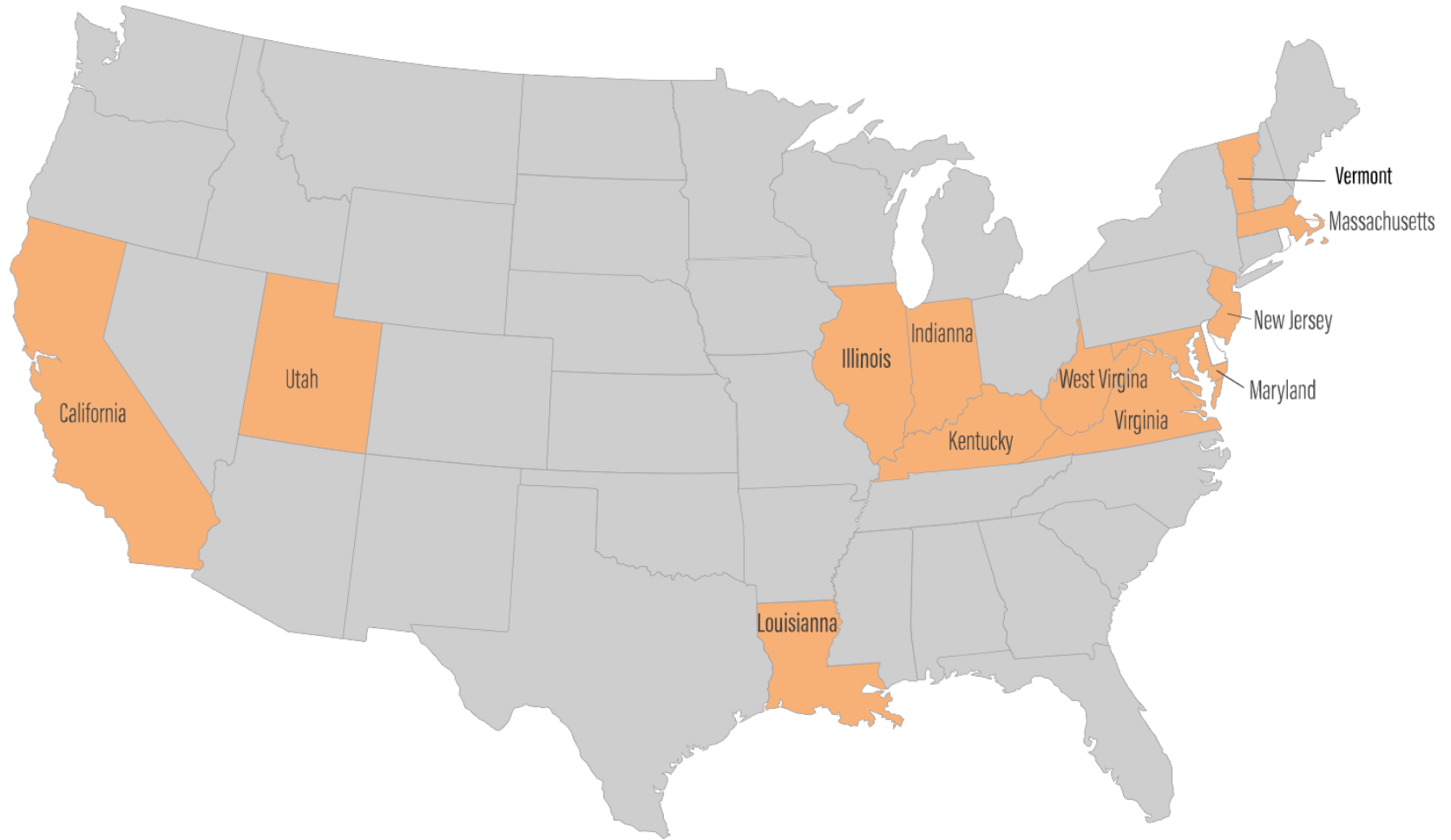


# What is the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System?



- **Organized** SUD treatment -- “managed care” for Medi-Cal beneficiaries
- **Voluntary** county-based pilot project under California’s “Medi-Cal 2020” section 1115 waiver
- **We’re #1!** California is the first state to receive this type of SUD waiver

# Other states are implementing similar SUD programs in Medicaid



# DMC-ODS significantly expands benefits

## Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (Pilot Program)

- Multiple levels of residential treatment
- Case management
- Narcotic treatment programs expansion
- Withdrawal management
- Recovery services
- Physician consultation
- Partial hospitalization (*optional*)
- Additional medication-assisted treatment (*optional*)



## Drug Medi-Cal (Standard Program)

- Outpatient drug-free treatment
- Intensive outpatient treatment
- Residential SUD services for perinatal women
- Naltrexone treatment
- Narcotic treatment (methadone only)
- Detoxification in a hospital

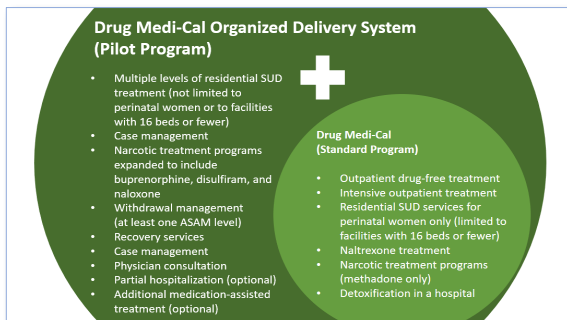
# Patient placement based on validated, consistent screening criteria



- First developed in 1991



- Individualized patient treatment plans



- Broad range of treatment options



# DMC-ODS brings SUD treatment into the health care mainstream

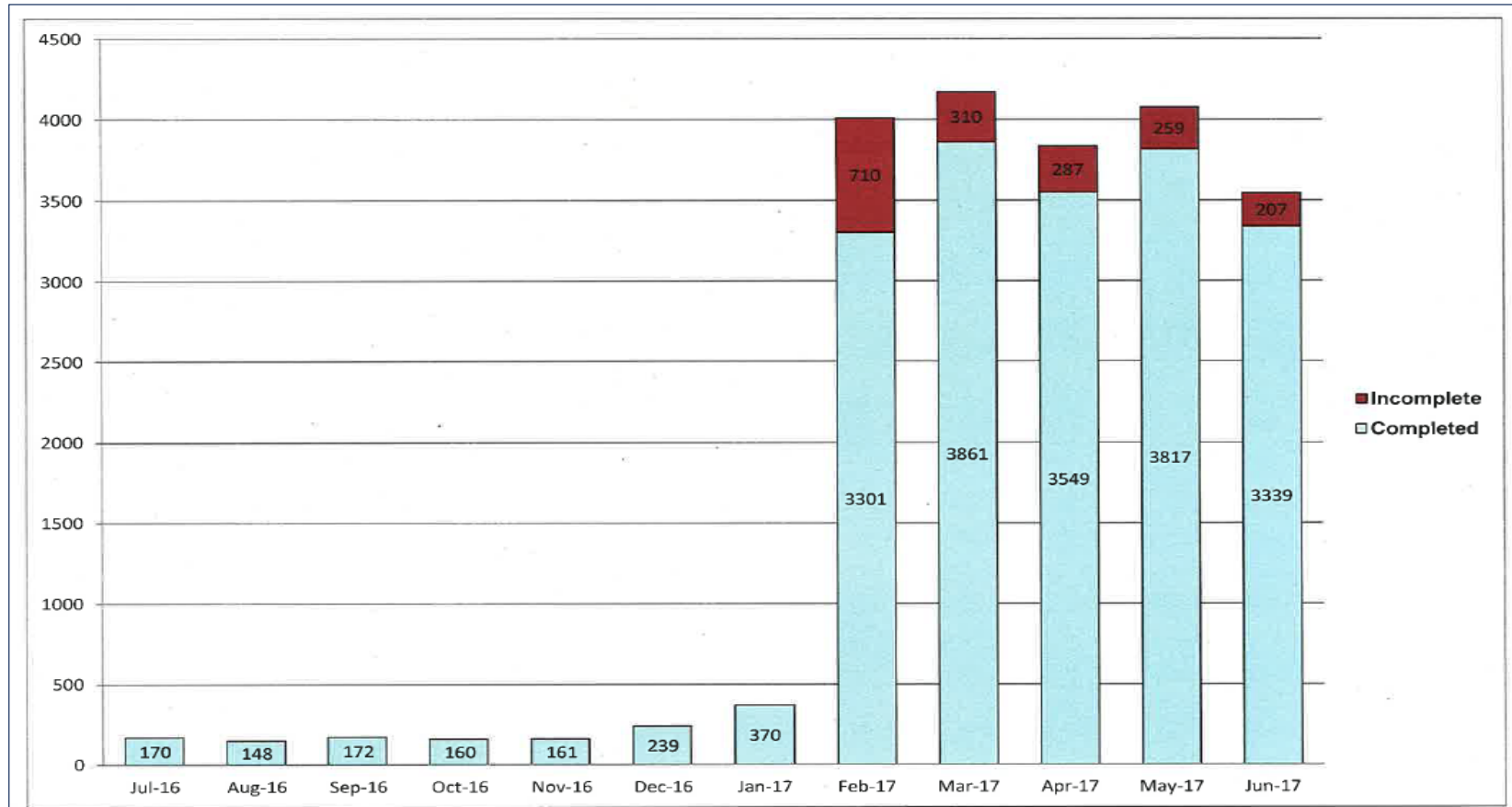
Participating counties:

- Provide access to full continuum of evidence-based SUD treatments
- Act as managed care plan (“PIHP”) for SUD treatment
- Coordinate different levels of SUD treatment and coordinate with primary care and mental health systems
- Have increased control and accountability
- Set payment rates



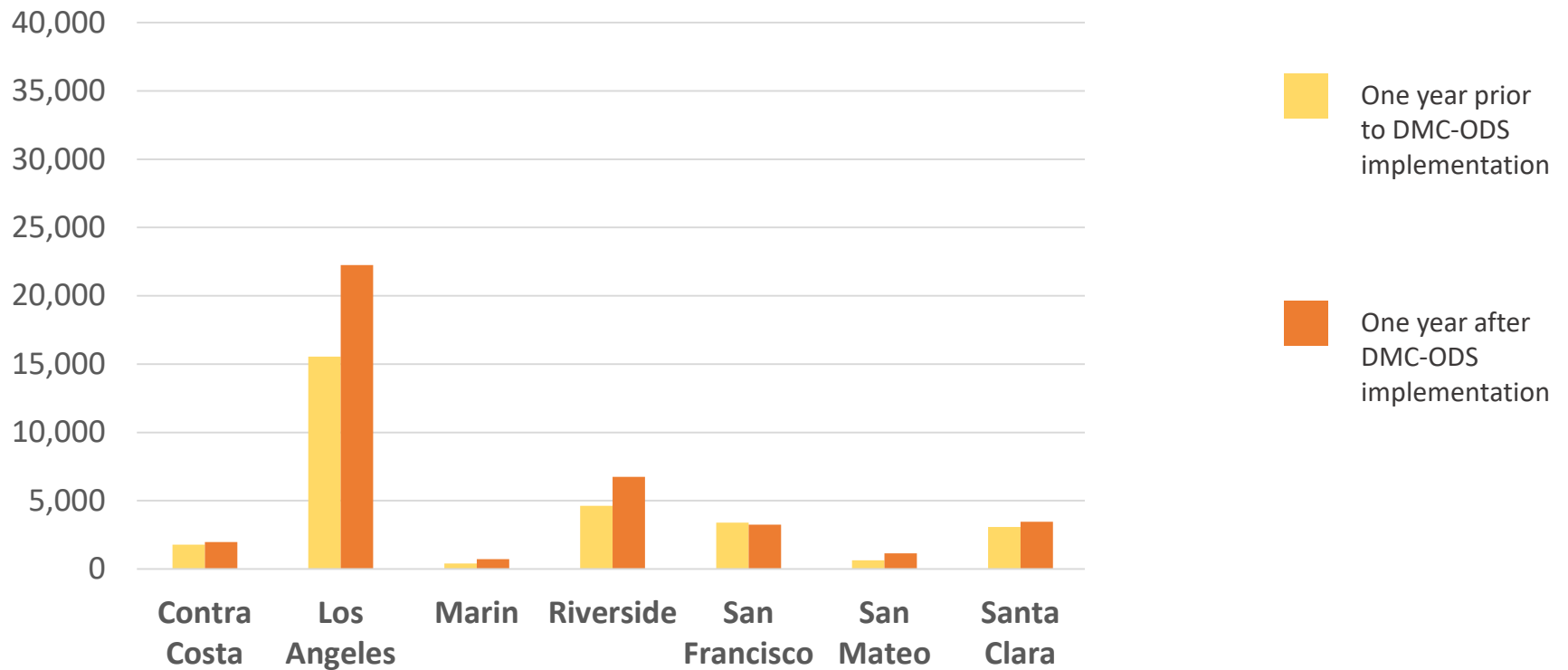
# Impact: Riverside County Call Center

## Substance Use CARES Line Monthly Call Volume June 2016 – June 2017



# Impact: Clients served

## Clients Served by County, Before and After DMC-ODS Implementation



# Early evaluation shows improvements in access, engagement, and satisfaction

- Ongoing UCLA evaluation
- Overall increase in number of people accessing treatment (+7%), and particularly residential treatment
- Successful treatment engagement and appropriate placements
- Patient perception of treatment is overwhelmingly positive (93%)

# Continuing challenges and the path forward

- Improve administrative infrastructure
- Workforce, workforce, workforce!
- Access to MAT
- Access for youth
- Cross-system care coordination, communication, and referrals
- Transitions along the continuum of care