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SUBJECT: Substance Use Disorder Medical Director Roles and Responsibilities

PURPOSE:

To establish the roles and responsibilities for the County of Orange Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Medical Director at County operated Substance Use Disorder (SUD) programs.

POLICY:

Each County operated SUD clinic shall have a licensed physician designated as the SUD Medical Director, who is an agent of the SUD programs.

SCOPE:

Medical Directors at County operated SUD programs.

REFERENCES:

[Drug MediCal Organized Deliver System Intergovernmental Agreement for Substance Use Disorders, Exhibit A, Attachment I](#)

[Title 22, California Code of Regulations \(CCR\) § 51000.24.4](#)

[Health Care Agency \(HCA\) Administrative Policy VIII-9.07 Code of Conduct](#)

[Health Care Agency \(HCA\) Administrative Policy VIII-12.06 Compliance Training](#)

PROCEDURE:

- I. The SUD Medical Director at Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) programs shall meet all of the following requirements:
 - A. Not be excluded from participation in any State or Federal Medicare or Medicaid program.
 - B. Be enrolled in Medi-Cal as a SUD Medical Director.

- C. Be acting in compliance with all laws and requirements of the Medi-Cal program.
- D. Be in compliance with the Health Care Agency Code of Conduct.

II. SUD Medical Director Roles and Responsibilities

- A. The SUD Medical Director's responsibilities shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:
 - 1. Ensure that medical care provided by physicians, registered nurse practitioners, and physician assistants meets the applicable standard of care.
 - 2. Ensure that physicians do not delegate their duties to non-physician personnel.
 - 3. Develop and implement medical policies and standards for the program.
 - 4. Ensure that physicians, registered nurse practitioners, and physician assistants follow the program's medical policies and standards.
 - 5. Ensure that the medical decisions made by physicians are not influenced by fiscal considerations.
 - 6. Ensure that the program's physicians and Licensed Professionals of the Healing Arts (LPHA) are adequately trained to diagnose substance use disorders and to determine the medical necessity of treatment for beneficiaries and clients.
 - 7. Ensure that the program's physicians are adequately trained to perform other physician duties, as assigned.
- B. The SUD Medical Director may delegate his/her responsibilities to a physician consistent with the Behavioral Health Services medical policies and standards.
- C. The SUD Medical Director shall remain responsible for ensuring all delegated duties are properly performed.