

Exhibit E – Attachment 1 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Exhibit E defines the terms used in this Contract. The following definitions shall apply, but, in the event of a conflict: Exhibit E shall take precedence over state regulations; and Department guidance shall take precedence over both Exhibit E and state regulations. 42 C.F.R. Part 438, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, sections 1810.100-1850.535 and 9000 *et seq.*, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 22, sections 51341, 51490.1 & 51516.1; and H&S Code section 11750 *et seq.*

1. “Advance Directives” means a written instruction, such as a living will or durable power of attorney for health care, recognized under State law (whether statutory or as recognized by the courts of the State), relating to the provision of the health care when the individual is incapacitated.
2. “Abuse” means provider practices that are inconsistent with sound, fiscal, business, or medical practices, and result in an unnecessary cost to the Medi-Cal program, or in reimbursement for services that are not medically necessary or that fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care. It also includes member practices that result in unnecessary cost to the Medi-Cal program. (See 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.2, 455.2)
3. “Adolescents” means members under age 21.
4. “Adult” means members 21 years of age or over.
5. “Alcohol or other Drug (AOD) Counselor” means: 1) either certified or registered by an organization that is recognized by the Department of Health Care Services and accredited with the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA); and 2) meets all California State education, training, and work experience requirements set forth in the Counselor Certification Regulations, 9 C.C.R., division 4, chapter 8.
6. “American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)” means any person defined in Title 25 United States Code sections 1603(13), 1603(28), or section 1679(a), or who has been determined eligible as an Indian under 42 C.F.R. section 136.12.
7. “Ancillary Service” means to include individualized connection, referral, and linkages to community-based services and supports.
8. “Appeal” means a review by the Contractor of an adverse benefit determination or a denial to expedite an authorization decision.
9. “Available Capacity” means the total number of units of service (bed days, hours, slots, etc.) that a Contractor actually makes available in the current fiscal year.
10. “ASAM Criteria” means the comprehensive set of guidelines developed by the American Society of Addiction Medicine for placement, continued stay, transfer, or discharge of patients with addiction and co-occurring conditions.

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11. “Calendar Week” means the seven-day period from Sunday through Saturday.
12. “Complaint” means requesting to have a problem solved or have a decision changed because the individual is not satisfied. Depending on the circumstances, a complaint may also qualify as a grievance or an appeal.
13. "Contractor" means the Contractor named in this Intergovernmental Agreement.
14. "Contracted Provider" means:
 - 1) For SMHS and DMC-ODS programs (if applicable to Contractor): All network providers (including providers owned or operated by Contractor), and any out-of-network providers with whom Contractor contracts for the delivery of covered services to members.
 - 2) For DMC programs (if applicable to Contractor): A DMC-certified provider (including a provider owned or operated by Contractor) that has entered into an agreement with the Contractor to be a provider of covered services.
15. “Corrective Action Plan (CAP)” means the written plan of action which the Contractor or its contracted provider develops and submits to DHCS to address or correct a deficiency or process that is non-compliant with applicable standards.
16. “County of Responsibility” means the county that is financially responsible for the behavioral health needs and services of a given member.
17. "Covered Services" refer to:
 - A. SMHS, as enumerated in Exhibit A, Attachment 2A and further defined in Exhibit E, Attachment 2; and either
 - B. DMC-ODS services, as enumerated in Exhibit A, Attachment 2C and further defined in Exhibit E, Attachment 3, as applicable to this Contract; or
 - C. DMC services, as enumerated in Exhibit A, Attachment 2E and further defined in Exhibit E, Attachment 3, as applicable to this Contract.
18. “Days” means calendar days, unless otherwise specified.
19. “Dedicated Capacity” means the historically calculated service capacity, by modality, adjusted for the projected expansion or reduction in services, which the Contractor agrees to make available to provide SUD services to persons eligible for Contractor services.
20. "Department" means the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

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21. “Direct Provider Contract” means a contract established between DHCS and a DMC enrolled provider entered into pursuant to this Contract for the provision of DMC services.
22. “Director” means the Director of DHCS.
23. “Discrimination Grievance” means a complaint concerning the unlawful discrimination on the basis of any characteristic protected under federal or state law, including sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.
24. “DMC-Certified Provider” means a substance use disorder clinic location that has received certification to be reimbursed as a DMC clinic by the state to provide services as described in 22 C.C.R. section 51341.1.
25. “DMC Re-certification” means the process by which the DMC-certified clinic is required to submit an application and specified documentation, as determined by DHCS, to remain eligible to participate in and be reimbursed through the DMC program. Re-certification shall occur no less than every five years from the date of previous DMC certification or re-certification.
26. “DMC Termination of Certification” means the provider is no longer certified to participate in the Drug Medi-Cal program upon the state’s issuance of a DMC certification termination notice.
27. “DMC Temporary Suspension” means the provider is temporarily suspended from participating in the DMC program pursuant to W&I Code section 14043.36, subdivision (a). The provider cannot bill for DMC services from the effective date of the temporary suspension.
28. “Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS)” is a Medi-Cal SUD delivery system to provide SUD treatment services to members in counties that choose to opt into and implement the program.
29. “Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Program” means the state system wherein members receive covered services from DMC-certified substance use disorder treatment providers.
30. “Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)” means the federal mandate under Section 1905(r) of the Act, which requires the Contractor to ensure that all members under age 21 receive all applicable mental health or SUD services needed to correct or ameliorate health conditions that are coverable under Section 1905(a) of the Act. Consistent with federal guidance, services need not be curative or completely restorative to ameliorate a health condition. Services that sustain, support, improve, or make more tolerable a

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health condition are considered to ameliorate the condition and are thus covered as EPSDT services.

31. “Education and Job Skills” means linkages to life skills, employment services, job training, and education services.
32. “Emergency” means a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in the following:
 - A. Placing the health of the individual (or, for a pregnant member, the health of the member or their unborn child) in serious jeopardy;
 - B. Serious impairment to bodily functions;
 - C. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; or
 - D. Death.
33. “Excluded Services” means services that are not covered under this Contract.
34. “Expanded Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services” means services listed in Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A of the California Medi-Cal State Plan.
35. “Face-to-Face” means a service occurring in person.
36. “Federal Financial Participation (FFP)” means the share of federal Medicaid funds for reimbursement of covered services.
37. “Fraud” means an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to self or some other person. It includes an act that constitutes fraud under applicable State and Federal law. (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.2, 455.2)
38. “Grievance” means an expression of dissatisfaction about any matter other than an adverse benefit determination or an appeal of a denial to expedite an authorization decision. Grievances may include, but are not limited to, the quality of care or services provided, and aspects of interpersonal relationships such as rudeness of a provider or employee, or failure to respect the member’s rights regardless of whether remedial action is requested. (42 C.F.R. § 438.400)
39. “Grievance and Appeal System” means the processes the Contractor implements to handle appeals of an adverse benefit determination and grievances, as well as the processes to collect and track information about them, as described in Exhibit A, Attachment 12.

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40. “Hospitalization” means a supervised recovery period in a facility that provides hospital inpatient care.
41. “Habilitative services and devices” help a person keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living. (45 C.F.R. § 156.115(a)(5)(i))
42. “Homelessness” means the member meets the definition established in section 11434a of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Specifically, this includes (A) individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1) of the Act); and (B) includes: (i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals; (ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C)); (iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and (iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).
43. Indian Health Care Provider (IHCP) means a health care program operated by the IHS (“IHS facility”), an Indian Tribe, a Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization (otherwise known as an I/T/U) as those terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. (25 U.S.C. § 1603; 42 C.F.R. § 438.14(a)).
44. “Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities” means facilities and/or health care programs administered and staffed by the federal Indian Health Service.
45. “Involvement in child welfare” means the member has an open child welfare services case, or the member is determined by a child welfare services agency to be at imminent risk of entering foster care but able to safely remain in their home or kinship placement with the provision of services under a prevention plan, or the member is a child whose adoption or guardianship occurred through the child welfare system. A child has an open child welfare services case if: a) the child is in foster care or in out of home care, including both court-ordered and by voluntary agreement; or b) the child has a family maintenance case (pre-placement or post-reunification), including both court-ordered and by voluntary agreement. A child can have involvement in child welfare whether the child remains in the home or is placed out of the home.

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46. “Juvenile justice involvement” means the member (1) has ever been detained or committed to a juvenile justice facility, or (2) is currently under supervision by the juvenile delinquency court and/or a juvenile probation agency. Members who have ever been in custody and held involuntarily through operation of law enforcement authorities in a juvenile justice facility, including youth correctional institutions, juvenile detention facilities, juvenile justice centers, and other settings such as boot camps, ranches, and forestry/conservation camps, are included in the “juvenile justice involvement” definition. Members on probation, who have been released home or detained/placed in foster care pending or post-adjudication, under probation or court supervision, participating in juvenile drug court or other diversion programs, and who are otherwise under supervision by the juvenile delinquency court and/or a juvenile probation agency also meet the “juvenile justice involvement” criteria.
47. “Licensed Practitioners of the Healing Arts (LPHA)” includes any of the following: licensed physicians, licensed psychologists (including waived psychologists), licensed clinical social workers (including waived or registered clinical social workers), licensed professional clinical counselors (including waived or registered professional clinical counselors), licensed marriage and family therapists (including waived or registered marriage and family therapists), registered nurses (including certified nurse specialists and nurse practitioners), licensed vocational nurses, licensed psychiatric technicians, and licensed occupational therapists.
48. “Managed Care Program” means a managed care delivery system operated by a state as authorized under sections 1915(a), 1915(b), 1932(a), or 1115(a) of the Social Security Act.
49. “Medically necessary” or “medical necessity” has the same meaning as set forth in W&I Code sections 14059.5 and 14184.402 and any related guidance issued by the Department.
 - A. For members 21 years of age or older, a service is “medically necessary” or a “medical necessity” when it is reasonable and necessary to protect life, to prevent significant illness or significant disability, or to alleviate severe pain.
 - B. For members under 21 years of age, a service is “medically necessary” or a “medical necessity” if the service meets the EPSDT standard set forth in Section 1396d(r)(5) of Title 42 of the United States Code, including if the service is necessary to correct or ameliorate mental health conditions and SUDs, as described above under the definition of ESPDT.
50. “Member” means a Medi-Cal recipient who is eligible to receive services from the Contractor.

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51. “Modality” means those necessary overall general service activities to provide substance use disorder services as described in Health and Safety Code, division 10.5.
52. A “Network Provider” means a provider or group of providers, including a provider owned or operated by Contractor, that has a network provider agreement with Contractor or a subcontractor, and receives Medicaid funding directly or indirectly to order, refer or render covered SMHS and/or DMC-ODS services under this Contract (as applicable to Contractor). A network provider is not a subcontractor by virtue of the network provider agreement. (42 C.F.R. § 438.2) (The term “network provider” is not applicable to DMC programs.)
53. “Out-of-network provider” means, for purposes of SMHS and DMC-ODS programs, a provider or group of providers that does not have a network provider agreement with Contractor or with a subcontractor. A provider may be “out of network” for one behavioral health managed care program, but in the network of another behavioral health managed care program. (The term “out-of-network provider” is not applicable to DMC programs.)
54. “Out-of-plan provider” has the same meaning as out-of-network provider.
55. “Overpayment” means any payment made to a contracted provider by Contractor to which the contracted provider is not entitled under Title XIX of the Act, or any payment to Contractor by the Department to which Contractor is not entitled to under Title XIX of the Act. (42 C.F.R. § 438.2)
56. “Payment Suspension” means a DMC-certified provider has been issued a notice pursuant to W&I Code section 14107.11 and is not authorized to receive payments after the payment suspension date for DMC services, regardless of when the service was provided.
57. “Peer Support Specialist” means an individual with a current State-approved Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program certification who meets ongoing education requirements and provides services under the direction of a Behavioral Health Professional. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2j [TN 22-0026].)
58. “Performance” means providing the dedicated capacity for covered services, and more generally, abiding by the terms of Exhibit A and all applicable state and federal statutes, regulations, and standards in expending funds for the provision of covered services under this Contract.
59. “Physician Incentive Plans” mean any compensation arrangement to pay a physician or physician group that may directly or indirectly have the effect of reducing or limiting the services provided to any plan enrollee.

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60. “Physician services” means services provided by an individual licensed under state law to practice medicine.
61. “PIHP” means Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan. A Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan is an entity that:
 - 1) Provides medical services to members under contract with the Department, and on the basis of prepaid capitation payments, or other payment arrangement that does not use state plan rates;
 - 2) Provides, arranges for, or otherwise has responsibility for the provision of any inpatient hospital or institutional services for its members; and
 - 3) Does not have a comprehensive risk contract. (42 C.F.R. § 438.2)
62. “Postpartum” as defined for DMC purposes, means the 60-day period beginning on the last day of pregnancy, regardless of whether other conditions of eligibility are met. Eligibility for perinatal services shall end on the last day of the calendar month in which the 60th day occurs.
63. “Postservice Postpayment (PSPP) Utilization Review” means the review for DMC/DMC-ODS program compliance conducted by the state after service was rendered and paid. The Department may recover prior payments of Federal and state funds if such a review determines that the services did not comply with the applicable statutes, regulations, or terms as specified in this Contract.
64. “Postservice Prepayment Utilization Review” means the review for DMC/DMC-ODS program compliance and or integrity conducted by DHCS. DHCS will provide technical assistance for areas identified that did not comply with the applicable statutes, regulations, or standards (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 22, § 51159(b)).
65. “Prior authorization” means a formal process requiring a provider to obtain advance approval for the amount, duration, and scope of covered services.
66. “Primary Care” means all health care services and laboratory services customarily furnished by or through a general practitioner, family physician, internal medicine physician, obstetrician/gynecologist, pediatrician, or other licensed practitioner as authorized by the State Medicaid program, to the extent the furnishing of those services is legally authorized in the state in which the practitioner furnishes them.
67. “Primary care provider” means a person responsible for supervising, coordinating, and providing initial and primary care to patients, for initiating referrals, and for maintaining the continuity of patient care. A primary care provider may be a primary care physician or non-physician medical practitioner.

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68. “Prescription drugs” means simple substances or mixtures of substances prescribed for the cure, mitigation, or prevention of disease, or for health maintenance that are:
- 1) Prescribed by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of professional practice as defined and limited by Federal and State law;
 - 2) Dispensed by licensed pharmacists and licensed authorized practitioners in accordance with the State Medical Practice Act; and
 - 3) Dispensed by the licensed pharmacist or practitioner on a written prescription that is recorded and maintained in the pharmacist's or practitioner's records.
69. “Provider” means any individual or entity that is engaged in the delivery of services, or ordering or referring for those services, and is licensed or certified to do so, including providers employed, owned, or operated by the Contractor. (42 C.F.R. 438.2)
70. “Utilization Review/Quality Assessment (UR/QA)” activities are reviews of physicians, health care practitioners and providers of health care services in the provision of health care services and items for which payment may be made to determine whether:
- 1) Such services are or were reasonable and medically necessary and whether such services and items are allowable; and
 - 2) The quality of such services meets professionally recognized standards of health care.
71. “Rehabilitation Services” includes any medical or remedial services recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts, within the scope of their practice under state law, for maximum reduction of physical or mental disability and restoration of a member to their best possible functional level.
72. “Relapse” means a single instance of a member's substance use or a member's return to a pattern of substance use.
73. “Relapse Trigger” means an event, circumstance, place or person that puts a member at risk of relapse.
74. “Revenue” means Contractor’s income from sources other than the state allocation.
75. “Safeguarding medications” means facilities will store all resident medication and facility staff members may assist with resident’s self-administration of medication.

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76. “Satellite site” means a site owned, leased or operated by an organizational provider at which SMHS are delivered to members fewer than 20 hours per week, or, if located at a multiagency site at which SMHS are delivered by no more than two employees or contractors of the provider.
77. “Service Area” means the geographical area under the Contractor’s jurisdiction.
78. “Service Authorization Request” means a member’s request for the provision of a service.
79. “Service Element” is the specific type of service performed within the more general service modalities.
80. “Short-Term Resident” means any member receiving residential SUD services; regardless of the length of stay. The member is considered a “short-term resident” of the residential facility in which they are receiving the services.
81. “Significant Change” means a change in the scope of covered services under this Contract, an increase or decrease in the amount or types of services that are available, an increase or decrease in the number of network providers, or any other change that would impact the benefits available through this Contract.
82. “State Hearing” means a hearing provided by the State to members pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit. 22, § 50951 and 50953 and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 1810.216.6. State Hearings shall comply with all applicable 42 CFR requirements.
83. “Subcontractor” means an individual or entity that has a contract with Contractor that relates directly or indirectly to the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under this Contract. (42 C.F.R. § 438.2.) A contracted provider is not a subcontractor by virtue of its provider agreement to deliver covered services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of Exhibit D(F) the term “subcontractor” shall include contracted providers.
84. “Substance Use Disorder Diagnoses” are those set forth in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fifth Edition, published by the American Psychiatric Association.
85. “Substance Use Disorder Medical Director” has the same meaning as in 22 C.C.R. section 51000.24.4.
86. “Support Groups” means linkages to self-help and support, spiritual and faith-based support.
87. “Support Plan” means a list of individuals and/or organizations that can provide support and assistance to a member to maintain sobriety.

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88. “Telehealth” means contact with a member via synchronous audio and video by an LPHA, Peer Support Specialist, or registered or certified counselor and may be done in the community or the home.
89. “Telephone” means contact with a member via synchronous, real-time audio-only telecommunications systems.
90. “Therapy” means a service activity that is a therapeutic intervention that focuses primarily on symptom reduction and restoration of functioning as a means to improve coping and adaptation and reduce functional impairments. Therapeutic intervention includes the application of cognitive, affective, verbal or nonverbal, strategies based on the principles of development, wellness, adjustment to impairment, recovery and resiliency to assist a member in acquiring greater personal, interpersonal and community functioning or to modify feelings, thought processes, conditions, attitudes or behaviors which are emotionally, intellectually, or socially ineffective. These interventions and techniques are specifically implemented in the context of a professional clinical relationship. Therapy may be delivered to a member or group of members and may include family therapy directed at improving the member's functioning and at which the member is present. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2b [TN 22-0023].)
91. “Threshold Language” means a language that has been identified as the primary language, as indicated on the Medi-Cal Eligibility System (MEDS), of 3,000 members or five percent of the member population, whichever is lower, in an identified geographic area.
92. “Transportation Services” means provision of or arrangement for transportation to and from medically necessary treatment.
93. “Treatment Planning” means a service activity to develop or update a member's course of treatment, documentation of the recommended course of treatment, and monitoring a member's progress. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2b [TN 22-0023].)
94. “Tribal 638 Providers” –means Federally recognized Tribes or Tribal organizations that contract or compact with IHS to plan, conduct and administer one or more individual programs, functions, services or activities under Public Law 93-638.
 - 1) A Tribal 638 provider enrolled in Medi-Cal as an Indian Health Services-Memorandum of Agreement (IHS-MOA) provider must appear on the “List of American Indian Health Program Providers” set forth in APL 17-020, Attachment 1 in order to qualify for reimbursement as a Tribal 638 Provider under BHIN 22-020.

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- 2) A Tribal 638 provider enrolled in Medi-Cal as a Tribal Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) provider is governed by and must enroll in Medi-Cal consistent with the Tribal FQHC criteria established in the California State Plan, the Tribal FQHC section of the Medi-Cal provider manual, and APL 21-008. Tribal 638 providers enrolled in Medi-Cal as a Tribal FQHC must appear on the “List of Tribal Federally Qualified Health Center Providers,” which is set forth on Attachment 2 to APL 21-008.
95. “Urban Indian Organizations (UIO)” – A Nonprofit corporate body situated in an urban center, governed by an urban Indian controlled board of directors, and providing for the maximum participation of all interested Indian groups and individuals, which body is capable of legally cooperating with other public and private entities for the purpose of performing the activities described in section 1653(a) of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
96. “Urgent care” means a condition perceived by a member as serious, but not life threatening. A condition that disrupts normal activities of daily living and requires assessment by a health care provider and if necessary, treatment within 24-72 hours.

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1. “Assessment” means a service activity designed to collect information and evaluate the current status of a member's mental, emotional, or behavioral health to determine whether Rehabilitative Mental Health Services are medically necessary and to recommend or update a course of treatment for that member. Assessments shall be conducted and documented in accordance with applicable State and Federal statutes, regulations, and standards. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 1 [TN 22-0023].)
2. “Adult Residential Treatment Services” are recovery focused rehabilitative services provided in a non-institutional, residential setting for members who would be at risk of hospitalization or other institutional placement if they were not in the residential treatment program. The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and structured day and evening services are available all seven days. Adult residential treatment services must have a clearly established site for services although all services need not be delivered at that site and some service components may be delivered through telehealth or telephone. Services will not be claimable unless the member has been admitted to the program and there is face-to-face contact between the member and a treatment staff person of the facility on the day of the service. This service includes one or more of the following components: assessment, treatment planning, therapy, and psychosocial rehabilitation. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2f [TN 22-0023].)
3. “Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services (also referred to as “Mobile Crisis Services”)” are services that provide rapid response, individual assessment and community-based stabilization to Medi-Cal members who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Mobile Crisis Services are designed to provide relief to members experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including through de-escalation and stabilization techniques; reduce the immediate risk of danger and subsequent harm; and avoid unnecessary emergency department care, psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations, and law enforcement involvement. Mobile Crisis Services include warm handoffs to appropriate settings and providers when the member requires additional stabilization and/or treatment services; coordination with and referrals to appropriate health, social and other services and supports, as needed, and short-term follow-up support to help ensure the crisis is resolved and the member is connected to ongoing care. Mobile Crisis Services are directed toward the member in crisis but may include contact with a family member(s) or other significant support collateral(s) if the purpose of the collateral’s participation is to assist the member in addressing their behavioral health crisis and restoring the member to the highest possible functional level. Mobile crisis services are provided by a multidisciplinary mobile crisis team at the location where the member is experiencing the behavioral health crisis. Locations may include, but are not limited to, the member’s home,

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school, or workplace, on the street, or where a member socializes. Mobile Crisis Services claimed under this option cannot be provided in hospitals or other facility settings. Mobile crisis services shall be available to members experiencing behavioral health crises 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

4. “Crisis Intervention” is an unplanned, expedited service to or on behalf of, a member to address a condition that requires more timely response than a regularly scheduled visit. Crisis intervention is an emergency response service enabling a member to cope with a crisis, while assisting the member in regaining their status as a functioning community member. The goal of crisis intervention is to stabilize an immediate crisis within a community or clinical treatment setting. It may include contact with significant support persons or other collaterals if the purpose of their participation is to focus on the treatment of the member. This service includes one or more of the following service components: assessment, therapy, and referral and linkages. Crisis Intervention services may either be face-to-face or by telephone or telehealth and may be provided in a clinic setting or anywhere in the community. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2d [TN 22-0023].)
5. “Crisis Residential Treatment Services” are therapeutic or rehabilitative services provided in a non-institutional residential setting which provides a structured program (short term-3 months or less) as an alternative to hospitalization for members experiencing an acute psychiatric episode or crisis who do not have medical complications requiring nursing care. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and structured day and evening services are available all seven days. Crisis residential treatment services must have a clearly established site for services although all services need not be delivered at that site and some service components may be delivered through telehealth or telephone. Services will not be claimable unless the member has been admitted to the program and there is face-to-face contact between the member and a treatment staff person of the facility on the day of the service. This service includes one or more of the following: assessment, treatment planning, therapy, psychosocial rehabilitation, and crisis intervention. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2g [TN 22-0023].)
6. “Crisis Stabilization” is an unplanned, expedited service lasting less than 24 hours, to or on behalf of, a member to address an urgent condition that requiring immediate attention that cannot be adequately or safely addressed in a community setting. The goal of crisis stabilization is to avoid the need for inpatient services which, if the condition and symptoms are not treated, present an imminent threat to the member or others, or substantially increase the risk of the member becoming gravely disabled. Crisis stabilization must be provided on site at a licensed 24-hour health care facility, at a hospital based outpatient

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program (services in a hospital based outpatient program are provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.20), or at a provider site certified by the Department of Health Care Services to perform crisis stabilization and some service components may be delivered through telehealth or telephone. Crisis stabilization is an all-inclusive program and no other Rehabilitative Mental Health Services are reimbursable during the same time period this service is reimbursed. Crisis stabilization may include contact with significant support persons or other collaterals if the purpose of their participation is to focus on the treatment of the member.

Medical backup services must be available either on site or by written contract or agreement with a general acute care hospital. Medical backup means immediate access within reasonable proximity to health care for medical emergencies. Medications must be available on an as needed basis and the staffing pattern must reflect this availability. All members receiving crisis stabilization must receive an assessment of their physical and mental health. This may be accomplished using protocols approved by a physician. If outside services are needed, a referral that corresponds with the member 's needs will be made, to the extent resources are available. This service includes one or more of the following service components: assessment, therapy, crisis intervention, medication support services, referral and linkages. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2e [TN 22-0023].)

7. “Day Rehabilitation” is a structured program which provides services to a distinct group of individuals. Day rehabilitation is intended to improve or restore personal independence and functioning necessary to live in the community or prevent deterioration of personal independence consistent with the principles of learning and development. Services are available for at least three hours each day. Day rehabilitation is a program that lasts less than 24 hours each day. Day rehabilitation may include contact with significant support persons or other collaterals if the purpose of their participation is to focus on the treatment of the member. This service includes one or more of the following service components: assessment, treatment planning, therapy, and psychosocial rehabilitation. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2c [TN 22-0023].)
8. “Day Treatment Intensive” is a structured, multi-disciplinary program of therapy that may be used as an alternative to hospitalization, or to avoid placement in a more restrictive setting, or to maintain the client in a community setting and which provides services to a distinct group of members who receive services for a at least three hours per day and lasts less than 24 hours each day. This service includes one or more of the following service components: assessment, treatment planning, therapy, and psychosocial rehabilitation. This service may include contact with significant support persons or other collaterals if the purpose

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of their participation is to focus on the treatment of the member. Day treatment intensive services must have a clearly established site for services although all services need not be delivered at that site and some service components may be delivered through telehealth or telephone. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2c [TN 22-0023].)

9. “Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)” is a targeted case management service that facilitates assessment of care planning for and coordination of services to members under age 21 who are eligible for the full scope of Medi-Cal services and who meet medical criteria to access SMHS. ICC service components include: assessing; service planning and implementation; monitoring and adapting; and transition. ICC services are provided through the principles of the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM), including the establishment of the Child and Family Team (CFT) to ensure facilitation of a collaborative relationship among a child, their family and involved child-serving systems. The CFT is comprised of – as appropriate, both formal supports, such as the care coordinator, providers, case managers from child-serving agencies, and natural supports, such as family members, neighbors, friends, and clergy and all ancillary individuals who work together to develop and implement the client plan and are responsible for supporting the child and family in attaining their goals. ICC also provides an ICC coordinator who:
 - 1) Ensures that medically necessary services are accessed, coordinated and delivered in a strength-based, individualized, family/child driven and culturally and linguistically competent manner and that services and supports are guided by the needs of the child;
 - 2) Facilitates a collaborative relationship among the child, their family and systems involved in providing services to the child;
 - 3) Supports the parent/caregiver in meeting their child’s needs;
 - 4) Helps establish the CFT and provides ongoing support; and
 - 5) Organizes and matches care across providers and child serving systems to allow the child to be served in their community.
10. “Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS)” are individualized, strength-based interventions designed to ameliorate mental health conditions that interfere with a child’s functioning and are aimed at helping the child build skills necessary for successful functioning in the home and community and improving the child’s family’s ability to help the child successfully function in the home and community. IHBS services are provided in accordance with the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM) by the Child and Family Team (CFT) in coordination with the family’s overall service plan which may include IHBS. Service activities may

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include, but are not limited to assessment, treatment plan, therapy, rehabilitation and include contact with significant support persons or other collaterals if the purpose of their participation is to focus on the treatment of the member. IHBS is provided to members under 21 who are eligible for the full scope of Medi-Cal services and who meet the access criteria for SMHS.

11. “Medication Support Services” include prescribing, administering, dispensing and monitoring of psychiatric medications or biologicals that are necessary to alleviate the symptoms of mental illness. This service includes one or more of the following service components: evaluation of the need for medication; evaluation of clinical effectiveness and side effects; medication education including instruction in the use, risks and benefits of, and alternatives for medication; treatment planning. Medication support services may include contact with significant support persons or other collaterals if the purpose of their participation is to focus on the treatment of the member. This service may also include assessing the appropriateness of reducing medication usage when clinically indicated. Medication support services may be provided face-to-face, by telephone or by telehealth, and may be provided anywhere in the community. Medication support services may be delivered as a standalone service or as a component of crisis stabilization.
12. “Mental Health Services” are individual, group, or family-based interventions that are designed to provide a reduction of the member’s mental or emotional disability, and restoration, improvement and/or preservation of individual and community functioning, and continued ability to remain in the community consistent with the goals of recovery, resiliency, learning, development, independent living, and enhanced self-sufficiency and that are not provided as components of adult residential services, crisis residential services, crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, day rehabilitation, or day treatment intensive. Mental health services may include contact with significant support persons or other collateral if the purpose of their participation is to focus on the treatment of the member. This service includes one or more of the following service components: assessment, treatment planning, therapy, and psychosocial rehabilitation. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2b [TN 22-0023].)
13. “Peer Support Services” are culturally competent individual and group services that promote recovery, resiliency, engagement, socialization, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and identification of strengths through structured activities such as group and individual coaching to set recovery goals and identify steps to reach the goals. Services aim to prevent relapse, empower members through strength-based coaching, support linkages to community resources, and to educate members and their families about their

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conditions and the process of recovery. Peer support services may be provided with the member or significant support person(s) and may be provided in a clinical or non-clinical setting. Peer support services can include contact with family members or other collaterals if the purpose of the collateral's participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the member by supporting the achievement of the member's treatment goals.

- 1) Peer support services are based on an approved plan of care and may be delivered as a standalone service. Peer support services include one or more of the following service components:
 - 2) Educational Skill Building Groups, which are groups provided in a supportive environment in which members and their families learn coping mechanisms and problem-solving skills in order to help the members achieve desired outcomes. These groups promote skill building for the members in the areas of socialization, recovery, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of skills learned in other support services.
 - 3) Engagement, which means Peer Support Specialist led activities and coaching to encourage and support members to participate in behavioral health treatment. Engagement may include supporting members in their transitions and supporting members in developing their own recovery goals and processes.
 - 4) Therapeutic Activity, which means structured non-clinical activity provided by a Peer Support Specialist to promote recovery, wellness, self-advocacy, relationship enhancement, development of natural supports, self-awareness and values, and the maintenance of community living skills to support the member's treatment to attain and maintain recovery within their communities. These activities may include, but are not limited to, advocacy on behalf of the member; promotion of self-advocacy; resource navigation; and collaboration with the members and others providing care or support to the member, family members, or significant support persons. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2 [TN 22-0023].)
14. "Psychiatric Health Facility Services" are therapeutic and/or rehabilitative services provided in a psychiatric health facility licensed by DHCS. Psychiatric health facilities are licensed to provide acute inpatient psychiatric treatment to individuals with major mental disorders. Psychiatric health facility services may include contact with significant support persons or other collaterals if the purpose of their participation is to focus on the treatment of the member. Services are provided in a psychiatric health facility under a multidisciplinary model and some

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service components may be delivered through telehealth or telephone. Psychiatric health facilities may only admit and treat patients who have no physical illness or injury that would require treatment beyond what ordinarily could be treated on an outpatient basis. Services include the following components: assessment, treatment planning, therapy, psychosocial rehabilitation, and crisis intervention. These services are separate from those categorized as “Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital”. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2g [TN 22-0023].)

15. “Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services” include both acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services and administrative day services. Acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services are provided to members for whom the level of care provided in a hospital is medically necessary to diagnose or treat a covered mental illness. Administrative day services are inpatient hospital services provided to members who were admitted to the hospital for an acute psychiatric inpatient hospital service and the member’s stay at the hospital must be continued beyond the member’s need for acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services due to lack of residential placement options at non-acute residential treatment facilities that meet the needs of the member.

Psychiatric inpatient hospital services are provided by SD/MC hospitals and FFS/MC hospitals. SMHS programs claim reimbursement for the cost of psychiatric inpatient hospital services provided by SD/MC hospitals through the SD/MC claiming system. FFS/MC hospitals claim reimbursement for the cost of psychiatric inpatient hospital services through the Fiscal Intermediary. SMHS programs are responsible for authorization of psychiatric inpatient hospital services reimbursed through either billing system. For SD/MC hospitals and FFS/MC hospitals, the daily rate does not include professional services, which are billed separately from the SD/MC and FFS/MC inpatient hospital services via the SD/MC claiming system.

16. “Psychosocial Rehabilitation” means a recovery or resiliency focused service activity which addresses a mental health need. This service activity provides assistance in restoring, improving, and/or preserving a member’s functional, social, communication, or daily living skills to enhance self-sufficiency or self-regulation in multiple life domains relevant to the developmental age and needs of the member. Psychosocial rehabilitation includes assisting members to develop coping skills by using a group process to provide peer interaction and feedback in developing problem-solving strategies. In addition, psychosocial rehabilitation includes therapeutic interventions that utilize self-expression such as art, recreation, dance or music as a modality to develop or enhance skills. These interventions assist the member in attaining or restoring skills which enhance community functioning including problem solving, organization of

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thoughts and materials, and verbalization of ideas and feelings. Psychosocial rehabilitation also includes support resources, and/or medication education. Psychosocial rehabilitation may be provided to a member or a group of members. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2a [TN 22-0023].)

17. “Referral and Linkages” are services and supports to connect a member with primary care, specialty medical care, SUD treatment providers, mental health providers, and community-based services and supports. This includes identifying appropriate resources, making appointments, and assisting a member with a warm handoff to obtain ongoing support. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2b [TN 22-0023].)
18. “Targeted case management” is a service that assists a member in accessing needed medical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community services. The service activities may include, but are not limited to, communication, coordination and referral; monitoring service delivery to ensure member access to services and the service delivery system; monitoring of the member’s progress, placement services, and plan development. TCM services may be face-to-face or by telephone with the client or significant support persons and may be provided anywhere in the community. Additionally, services may be provided by any person determined by the SMHS program to be qualified to provide the service, consistent with the scope of practice and state law.
19. “Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS)” are intensive, individualized, short-term outpatient treatment interventions for members up to age 21. Individuals receiving these services have serious emotional disturbances (SED), are experiencing a stressful transition or life crisis and need additional short-term, specific support services.
20. “Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Services” model allows for the provision of short-term, intensive, highly coordinated, trauma informed and individualized specialty mental health services activities (plan development, rehabilitation and collateral) to children up to age 21 who have complex emotional and behavioral needs and who are placed with trained, intensely supervised and supported TFC parents. The TFC parent serves as a key participant in the therapeutic treatment process of the child. The TFC parent will provide trauma informed interventions that are medically necessary for the child. TFC is intended for children youth who require intensive and frequent mental health support in a family environment. The TFC service model allows for the provision of certain specialty mental health services activities (plan development, rehabilitation and collateral) available under the EPSDT benefit as a home-based alternative to high level care in institutional settings such as group homes and an alternative to Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs).

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21. “Therapy” means a service activity that is a therapeutic intervention that focuses primarily on symptom reduction and restoration of functioning as a means to improve coping and adaptation and reduce functional impairments. Therapeutic intervention includes the application of cognitive, affective, verbal or nonverbal, strategies based on the principles of development, wellness, adjustment to impairment, recovery and resiliency to assist a member in acquiring greater personal, interpersonal and community functioning or to modify feelings, thought processes, conditions, attitudes or behaviors which are emotionally, intellectually, or socially ineffective. These interventions and techniques are specifically implemented in the context of a professional clinical relationship. Therapy may be delivered to a member or group of members and may include family therapy directed at improving the member's functioning and at which the member is present. (State Plan, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A, page 2b [TN 22-0023].)

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1. “Assessment” means activities to evaluate or monitor the status of a member’s behavioral health and determine the appropriate level of care and course of treatment for that member. Assessments shall be conducted in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, and regulations, and standards. Assessment may be initial and periodic, and may include contact with family members or other collaterals if the purpose of the collateral’s participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the member. Assessment services may include one or more of the following components:
 - A. Collection of information for assessment used in the evaluation and analysis of the cause or nature of the substance use disorder.
 - B. Diagnosis of substance use disorders utilizing the current DSM and assessment of treatment needs for medically necessary treatment services. This may include a physical examination necessary for treatment and evaluation.
 - C. Treatment planning, a service activity that consists of development and updates to documentation needed to plan and address the member’s needs, planned interventions and to address and monitor a member’s progress and restoration of member to their best possible functional level.
2. “Family Therapy” means a rehabilitative service that includes family members in the treatment process, providing education about factors that are important to the member’s recovery as well as the holistic recovery of the family system. Family members can provide social support to the member and help motivate their loved one to remain in treatment. There may be times when, based on clinical judgment, the member is not present during the delivery of this service, but the service is for the direct benefit of the member.
3. “Group Counseling” consists of contacts with multiple members at the same time. Group Counseling shall focus on the needs of the participants. Group counseling means contacts in which one or more therapists or counselors treat two or more members at the same time with a maximum of 12 in the group, focusing on the needs of the individuals served. A member that is 17 years of age or younger shall not participate in group counseling with any participants who are 18 years of age or older. However, a member who is 17 years of age or younger may participate in group counseling with participants who are 18 years of age or older when the counseling is at a provider’s certified school site.
4. “Individual Counseling” consists of contacts with a member. Individual counseling can include contact with family members or other collaterals if the purpose of the collateral’s participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the member by supporting the achievement of the member’s treatment goals. Individual

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- counseling also includes preparing the beneficiary to live in the community, and providing linkages to treatment and services available in the community.
5. “Medical psychotherapy” means a counseling service to treat SUDs other than OUD conducted by the medical director of a Narcotic Treatment Program on a one-to-one basis with the member.
 6. “Medication Services” means the prescription or administration of medication related to substance use disorder services, or the assessment of the side effects or results of the medication. Medication Services does not include MAT for Opioid Use Disorders (OUD) or MAT for Alcohol Use Disorders (AUD) and other Non-Opioid Substance Use Disorders. Medication Services includes prescribing, administering, and monitoring medications used in the treatment or management of SUD and/or withdrawal management not included in the definitions of MAT for OUD or MAT for AUD services.
 7. “Medications for Addiction Treatment (also known as medication assisted treatment (MAT)) for Alcohol Use Disorders (AUD) and Non-Opioid Substance Use Disorders” includes all FDA-approved drugs and services to treat AUD and other non-opioid SUDs involving FDA-approved medications to treat AUD and non-opioid SUDs.
 8. “Medications for Addiction Treatment (also known as medication assisted treatment (MAT)) for Opioid Use Disorders (OUD)” includes all medications approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) and all biological products licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262) to treat opioid use disorders.
 9. “Narcotic Treatment Program” or “NTP means an outpatient program that provides FDA-drugs approved to treat SUDs when ordered by a physician as medically necessary. NTPs are required to offer and prescribe medications including methadone, buprenorphine, naloxone and disulfiram. A member must receive at minimum fifty minutes of counseling sessions with a therapist or counselor for up to 200 minutes per calendar month, although additional services may be provided as medically necessary.
 10. “Non-Perinatal Residential Program” services are provided in DHCS licensed residential facilities that also have DMC certification and have been designated by DHCS as capable of delivering care consistent with ASAM treatment criteria. These residential services are provided to the non-perinatal population and do not require the enhanced services found in the perinatal residential programs.
 11. “Observation” means the process of monitoring the member’s course of withdrawal. The Contractor shall ensure observation be conducted at the frequency required by applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and

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standards. This may include but is not limited to observation of the member's health status.

12. "Patient Education" means education for the member on addiction, treatment, recovery and associated health risks.
13. "Perinatal DMC Services" means covered services as well as parent/child habilitative and rehabilitative services; services access (i.e., provision or arrangement of transportation to and from medically necessary treatment); education to reduce harmful effects of alcohol and drugs on the parent and fetus or infant; and coordination of ancillary services (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 22, § 51341.1(c)(4)).
14. "Recovery monitoring" means recovery coaching, monitoring designed for the maximum reduction of the member's SUD.
15. "Recovery Services" means a DMC-ODS service designed to support recovery and prevent relapse with the objective of restoring the member to their best possible functional level. Recovery Services emphasize the member's central role in managing their health, use effective self-management support strategies, and organize internal and community resources to provide ongoing self-management support to members.
16. "Substance Use Disorder Crisis Intervention Services" means contacts with a member in crisis. A crisis means an actual relapse or an unforeseen event or circumstance which presents to the member an imminent threat of relapse. SUD Crisis Intervention Services shall focus on alleviating the crisis problem, be limited to the stabilization of the member's immediate situation, and be provided in the least intensive level of care that is medically necessary to treat their condition.
17. "Unit of Service" means:
 - a. For care coordination, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient services, Naltrexone treatment services, and recovery services contact with a member in 15-minute increments on a calendar day.
 - b. For additional medication assisted treatment, physician services that includes ordering, prescribing, administering, and monitoring of all medications for SUDs per visit or in 15-minute increments.
 - c. For narcotic treatment program services, a calendar month of treatment services provided pursuant to this section and 9 C.C.R., chapter 4, commencing with § 10000.

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- d. For clinician consultation services, consulting with addiction medicine physicians, addiction psychiatrists or clinical pharmacists in 15-minute increments.
- e. For residential services, providing 24-hour daily service, per member, per bed rate.
- f. For withdrawal management per member per visit/daily unit of service.