INTRODUCTION

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP) was approved by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide, among other mental health services, specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Los Angeles County. These services are delivered by licensed, contracted, and credentialed Individual and Group fee-for-service mental health professionals. These providers are known as Individual and Group Outpatient Specialty Mental Health Providers, formerly known as Fee-For-Service 2 (FFS2) Providers.

These professionals comprise the LMHP network of providers. These individuals and groups have entered into professional service agreements with the LMHP to support the LMHP and have made a difference in the lives of residents of Los Angeles County. The LMHP embraces the "Recovery Model" or person centered and family-driven approach to treatment. In this model, the client (s) has the right to participate fully in developing their treatment plan and goals. The Individual and Group Provider mental health professional collaborates with clients in treatment planning, including discharge planning or termination of treatment.

Welcome to the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP) Provider Network of the Department of Mental Health for Los Angeles County.

This revised County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health Local Mental Health Plan Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Provider Manual, 10th Edition, August 2026 replaces, in its entirety, the Provider Manual, 9th Edition, September 2022. For your convenience the Provider Manual is located on the Individual & Group Fee-For-Service website at: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/pc/cp/ffs2/ Under "Manuals and Guides"

As updates, changes and additions to the current manual are required, you will receive Provider Bulletin publications which will supersede or augment the specified content in the Provider Manual, 10th Edition, August 2026. It is important to keep abreast of new Provider Bulletin for new policies, legislations and updated changes in LMHP system billing changes. The Provider Manual and all subsequent Provider Bulletins have the same authority as the Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreement which stipulates that providers shall perform Specialty Mental Health Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the legal agreement and the requirements in the LMHP Provider Manual and Provider Bulletins.

In addition, Network Providers who render Specialty Mental Health Services in an Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital should refer to the Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service Inpatient Hospital Provider Manual. This manual can also, be located on the Fee-For-Service website at: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/pc/cp/ffs1/ Under "Manuals and Guides"

Please note that the name change for this network to Individual & Group Providers may not be updated in all forms used internally by different County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health service units. You should consider the two names Individual & Group Providers and Fee-For-Service 2 as interchangeable on all documents.

We trust that you will find the Provider Manual to be a valuable and useful resource. If you have any questions, or need additional information please feel free to contact the Provider Relations Unit at (213) 738-3311.

We look forward to working with you to ensure the delivery of quality Specialty Mental Health Services to Los Angeles County Medi-Cal beneficiaries.