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## LOCAL MATCH PERCENTAGES FOR EPSDT AND MCHIP MEDI-CAL



There have been several changes from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS or the State) over the past few fiscal years that impact the local match percentage for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) eligible Medi-Cal services:

1. Source of funding for EPSDT eligible Medi-Cal services
2. Allocation of funding to Los Angeles County for EPSDT Medi-Cal services
3. Transition of Healthy Families to Medi-Cal

### Source of Funds:

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12, State General Funds were eliminated and Assembly Bill (AB) 100 passed providing Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revenue as the funding source of the State match for EPSDT Medi-Cal eligible services. This action was known as the realignment of EPSDT funds.

In FY 2012-13, the State provided ongoing funding in the 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Sub-Account (Realignment) as source of funds for EPSDT services.

### Allocation of Funds to County:

In FY 2012-13, State allocated a specific amount of realignment funds to each county. Subsequently, the State worked in collaboration with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) and California counties to determine an appropriate allocation methodology. At this time, discussions are still underway; however, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH or the Department) is operating



under the premise that the allocation will be based on prior year services reported in the cost report. This means each county will receive a proportionate share of the State budget amount based on their prior year utilization.

### **Transition of Healthy Families:**

In FY 2012-13, the Healthy Families program transitioned into a Medi-Cal program called Medicaid Children's Health Insurance Program (MCHIP). Based on data/information from the past few fiscal years, DMH has learned that MCHIP clients are eligible for more services than former Healthy Families clients, that MCHIP is EPSDT eligible, and that some former EPSDT eligible clients are now eligible for MCHIP.

### **Impact on Local Match Percentage:**

Considering all factors above through FY 2015-16, DMH maintained the original allocations for EPSDT local match at 6.81%, expansions in EPSDT at 50%, and MCHIP at 35% in the Financial Summary of the LE Agreement. In April of the respective fiscal year, DMH completed an analysis based on total projected utilization and estimated allocation of Realignment to determine the actual local match percentage that would be used for claiming, cost reporting, and settlement, in order to maximize the Realignment funds.

Attachment I includes a recap of the actual local match percentages from FY 2012-13 to FY 2015-16 that were/will be used for claiming, cost reporting, and settlement.

Beginning in FY 2016-17, the Department will standardize the local match percentage for EPSDT and MCHIP allocated in the Legal Entity Agreement Financial Summary. The local match percentage will be 10% for all EPSDT and MCHIP allocations. The amount included in the match column of the Financial Summary will be revised accordingly. There will be no change in the funded program amount.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (213) 738-4625 or via email at [knall@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:knall@dmh.lacounty.gov) or you may contact your Lead District Chief.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE (FMAP)

DETAIL OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PERCENTAGES FOR MEDI-CAL

Funding Source	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15		FY 2015-16	
	EPSDT	Healthy Families / MCHIP	EPSDT	MCHIP MHSA	MCHIP Non MHSA	EPSDT	MCHIP	EPSDT	MCHIP
FFP	50.00%	65.00%	50.00%	65.00%	65.00%	50.00%	65.00%	50.00%	65.00%
State	43.19%	0.00%	43.19%	0.00%	30.30%	49.25%	34.25%	46.50%	31.50%
Local	6.81%	35.00%	6.81%	35.00%	4.70%	0.75%	0.75%	3.50%	3.50%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%