

Department of Developmental Services

Proposed Trailer Bill Language

627 Special Managed Care Provisions for Developmental Center Closures

Add New WIC Section 4474.6 as follows:

4474.6 (a) The Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Health Care Services will coordinate the transition of health care services for Medi-Cal eligible consumers, from a developmental center into the community pursuant to legislatively approved closure plans.

(b) In order to meet the unique medical health needs of consumers who will be transitioning from a developmental center into the community, whose individual program plan documents the need for coordinated medical and specialty care, and who are Medi-Cal eligible, the Department of Health Care Services shall issue transition requirements including referral practices, service authorization practices, coordination of case management services, education and training services, and the management and sharing of medical records, to applicable Medi-Cal managed care health plans and monitor compliance. These transition requirements will include, but are not limited to, processes for individuals assigned to a Medi-Cal managed care plan which promote coordination of care during and following the transition, identification of providers prior to a transition occurring; and the continuation of medically necessary covered services. These processes will be described in a transition plan which will be shared with stakeholders prior to being finalized.

(c) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the state department of health care services may implement, interpret, or make specific this section, in whole or in part, by means of all-county letters, plan letters, plan or provider bulletins, policy letters, or other similar instructions, without taking regulatory action.

(d) The State Department of Health Care Services shall implement this section only to extent that any necessary federal approvals are obtained and federal financial participation is available.