



Behavioral Health Services COVID Update

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Behavioral Health Services Are Essential

- Converted to telephone and video telehealth
- In person services continue when necessary
 - Inpatient
 - Crisis Residential
 - Urgent Care
 - CSU
 - SUD Residential Treatment

Medi-Cal Flexibilities

- Telephone and video telehealth can bill Medi-Cal
- Document why signatures are not available
- Rate adjustments

Project Roomkey

- Homeless Isolation sites for individuals with COVID or in at-risk populations
 - Trailers
 - Motels
 - Shelters
 - Encampments

Behavioral Health Impacts

- Community needs
- Decreases in revenue
 - 1991 Realignment
 - 2011 Realignment
 - MHSA
 - Federal Financial Participation
- Increase in Medi-Cal beneficiaries

Behavioral Health Impacts

- Support for providers
- Purchase technology for video telehealth
- Crisis utilization

Budget Conversations

- Decrease budget for Medi-Cal services:
 - For every \$1 M in cuts, have to cut \$2 M in programs due to Medi-Cal funds
- Increase revenue for MHSA services with Medi-Cal funds:
 - Cut the cost to the County in half and maintain more services

What We All Can Do

- May is Mental Health Month
- Stay Connected: Reach out to 3 people each day
- Support each other
- Get the word out that services are available