



# COUNTY OF YOLO

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### SECTION 6, CHAPTER 5, POLICY 016

#### DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>	6-5-016
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**A. PURPOSE:** To inform Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) staff and Network Providers of the staffing requirements and eligible service categories for the roles of Medical Assistant, Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA), Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselor, Peer Support Specialists, Clinical Trainee, and Medical Directors in NTP Programs under the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS).

**B. RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

1. N/A

**C. DEFINITIONS:**

**1. Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) includes any of the following:**

- a. Physician
- b. Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- c. Physician Assistant (PA)
- d. Registered Nurse (RN)
- e. Register Pharmacist (RP)
- f. Licensed Clinical Psychologist (LCP)
- g. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- h. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)
- i. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT)
- j. Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)
- k. Licensed Occupational Therapist (LOT)
- l. Licensed Psychiatric Technician (LPT)
- m. Licensed-Eligible Practitioners working under the supervision of a licensed clinician
  - i. To be considered a licensed-eligible practitioner, an individual must be registered with the appropriate state licensing authority for his or her respective field for the purpose of acquiring the experience required for

licensure, in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations. The individual must also be working under the supervision of a licensed clinician.

- ii. This includes Registered Clinical Social Workers, Registered Professional Clinical Counselors, and Registered Marriage and Family Therapists.
2. **Registered and Certified Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Counselor:** An individual who is a registered or certified by an organization that is recognized by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and accredited with the National Commission for Certifying Agencies and meets all California State education, training and work experience requirements set forth in the Counselor Certification Regulations, Title 9, Division 4, Chapter 8.
  3. **Clinical Trainee:** A clinical trainee is an unlicensed individual who is enrolled in a post-secondary educational degree program that is required for the individual to obtain licensure as a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts, is participating in practicum, clerkship, or internship approved by the individuals program, and meets all relevant requirements of the program and/or applicable licensing board to participate in the practicum, clerkship, or internship and provide substance use disorder treatment services, including, but not limited to, all coursework and supervised practice requirements.
  4. **Medical Assistant:** A medical assistant is an individual who is at least 18 years of age, meets all applicable education, training and/or certification requirements and provides administrative, clerical, and technical supportive services, according to their scope of practice, under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon, or to the extent authorized under state law, a nurse practitioner or physician assistant that has been delegated supervisory authority by a physician and surgeon. The licensed physician and surgeon, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant must be physically present in the treatment facility (medical office or clinic setting) during the provision of services by a medical assistant.
  5. **Medical Director of a Narcotic Treatment Program:** Shall be a licensed physician in the State of California.
  6. **Peer Support Specialist:** A Peer Support Specialist is an individual in recovery with a current State-approved Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program certification and must meet all other applicable California state requirements, including ongoing education requirements. Peer Support Specialists provide services under the direction of a Behavioral Health Professional. For more information on peer support specialists, please see Yolo County's policies and related DHCS BHINs on this topic.

#### **D. POLICY:**

1. Services furnished to Yolo County members within the DMC-ODS system shall be provided by Yolo County HHS and its Network Providers following all federal and state regulations, and be provided within the individual provider's scope of practice, as determined by the individual's license or certifying agency, and shall follow any timeliness, documentation and continuing education unit requirements.

**E. PROCEDURE:**

1. Providers shall review Enclosure 1 within this policy to ensure they are only providing services within their scope of practice and are following all requirements related to supervision and/or training as required.

**F. REFERENCES:**

1. DMC-ODS Intergovernmental Agreement
2. DHCS Information Notice 24-001: Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Requirements for the Period of 2022-2026
3. DHCS Alcohol and/or Other Drug Program Certification Standards
4. CCR Title 9 Division 4
5. Perinatal Practice Guidelines
6. Adolescent Best Practices Guidelines

**Approved by:**

  
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**Enclosure 1: DMC-ODS Provider Qualifications**

DMC-ODS services are provided by DMC-certified providers. DMC-certified providers providing DMC-ODS services must:

1. Be licensed, registered, enrolled, and/or approved in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations;
2. Abide by the definitions, rules, and requirements for stabilization and rehabilitation services established by the Department of Health Care Services; and
3. Sign a provider agreement with the DMC-ODS county or counties in which DMC-ODS services will be rendered.

The following chart contains the types of providers qualified to deliver each of the DMC-ODS services authorized by the CalAIM 1115 Demonstration wavier, CalAIM 1915(b) waiver, the California State Plan and SPA 23-0026.

<b>DMC-ODS Provider Qualifications</b>							
	<b>Counselor</b>	<b>LPHA</b>	<b>Clinical Trainee<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Medical Director</b>	<b>Medical Assistant</b>	<b>Peer Support Specialist</b>	<b>Other<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Assessment<sup>3</sup></b>	X	X <sup>3</sup>	X	X	X		
<b>Care Coordination<sup>4</sup></b>	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Crisis Intervention</b>	X	X	X	X			
<b>Family Therapy</b>		X	X	X			
<b>Counseling (Individual &amp; Group)</b>	X	X	X	X			
<b>Medical Psychotherapy</b>				X			
<b>Medication Services</b>		X	X	X	X		
<b>Mobile Crisis Services</b>	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Patient Education</b>	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Peer Support Services</b>						X	
<b>Contingency Management<sup>5</sup></b>	X	X		X			X
<b>Observation</b>	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Recovery Services</b>	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Prescribing &amp; Monitoring of MAT<sup>6</sup></b>		X <sup>7</sup>	X	X	X		

<sup>1</sup> Clinical Trainees can only provide services under the supervision of an LPHA.

<sup>2</sup> This new staffing category is specific to the contingency management benefit, referred to as the Recovery Incentives Program. This would not change existing staffing requirements for other DMC-ODS services.

<sup>3</sup> The physical examination by an LPHA in accordance with their scope of practice and licensure. An SUD diagnosis may only be made by an LPHA.

<sup>4</sup> Registered or certified counselors may assist with some aspects of this service, however, a licensed provider is responsible for supervising this service component. All personnel performing observations must comply with applicable California State withdrawal management training requirements.

<sup>5</sup> Please see Contingency Management (“CM”) BHIN 23-040 for more information about these provider types. The designation “Other trained staff under supervision of an LPHA” is specific to CM and does not change existing requirement for providers of other DMC-ODS services.

<sup>6</sup> For AUD and Other Non-Opioid Substance Use Disorders.

<sup>7</sup> May be provided by an LPHA within their scope of practice.