

**Harbor Regional Center
Targeted Case Management and
Nursing Home Reform
Monitoring Review Report**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) conducted a federal compliance monitoring review of the Targeted Case Management (TCM) and Nursing Home Reform (NHR) programs from July 10-25, 2023 at Harbor Regional Center (HRC). The monitoring team selected 41 consumer records for the TCM review for the review period of April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. A sample of 10 records was selected from consumers who had previously been referred to (HRC) for an NHR assessment.

Purpose of the Review

Case management services for regional center consumers with developmental disabilities were added as a medical benefit to the Medi-Cal State Plan in 1986 under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. TCM services are those "...services which will assist individuals in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational, and other services." DDS implemented the TCM program statewide on July 1, 1988.

The NHR Pre-Admission Screening/Resident Review program involves determining whether an individual in a nursing facility with suspected developmental disabilities, has a developmental disability and requires specialized services.

Overview of the TCM/NHR Compliance Monitoring Protocol

The review criteria for the TCM and NHR programs are derived from federal and state statutes and regulations and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' guidelines relating to the provision of these services.

Findings

Section I – Targeted Case Management

Forty-one consumer records, containing 3,240 billed units, were reviewed for three criteria. The sample records were 100 percent in compliance for criterion 1 (TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS), 98 percent in compliance for criterion 2 (TCM service documentation is consistent with the definition of TCM service), and 100 percent in compliance for criterion 3 (TCM service documentation identifies the individual who wrote the note and the date the note was completed).

Section II – Nursing Home Reform

Ten consumer records were reviewed for three criteria. The 10 sample records were 100 percent in compliance for all three criteria.

SECTION I TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT

Criterion

1. The Targeted Case Management (TCM) service and unit documentation matches information transmitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

Finding

HRC transmitted 3,240 TCM units to DDS for the 41 sample consumers. All of the recorded units matched the number of units reported to DDS.

Recommendation

None

2. The TCM service documentation billed to DDS is consistent with the definition of TCM service.

Allowable TCM units are based on services which assist consumers to gain access to needed social, educational, medical or other services and include the following components: 1) assessment and periodic reassessment to determine service needs; 2) development and periodic revision of an individual program plan (IPP) based on the information collected through the assessment or reassessment; 3) monitoring and follow-up activities, including activities and contacts that are necessary to ensure that the IPP is effectively implemented and adequately addresses the needs of the consumer; and 4) referral and related activities to help the consumer obtain needed services. However, it is important to note that TCM does not include the direct provision of these needed services.

Findings

The sample of 41 consumer records contained 3,240 billed TCM units. Of this total, 3,189 (98 percent) of the units contained descriptions that were consistent with the definition of TCM services.

Recommendation	Regional Center Plan/Response
HRC should ensure that the time spent on the identified activities that are inconsistent with TCM claimable services (sent separately) is reversed.	HRC will include in the TCM training provided to HRC service coordinators the issue of not including information regarding funds disbursement as a billable activity and will ensure that all times are reversed.

3. The TCM documentation identifies the service coordinator recording the notes and each note is dated.

Finding

The TCM documentation in the 41 sample consumer records identified the service coordinator who wrote the note and the date the service was completed.

Recommendation

None

SECTION II NURSING HOME REFORM

Criterion

1. There is evidence of dispositions for the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) Nursing Home Reform (NHR) referrals.

Finding

The 10 sample consumer records contained a copy of the Pre-Admission Screening/Resident Review (PAS/RR) Level I form, or NHR automated printout.

Recommendation

None

2. The disposition is reported to DDS.

Finding

The 10 sample consumer records contained a PAS/RR Level II document or written documentation responding to the Level I referral.

Recommendation

None

3. The regional center submitted a claim for the referral disposition.

Finding

The billing information for the 10 sample consumers had been entered into the AS 400 computer system and electronically transmitted to DDS.

Recommendation

None

SAMPLE CONSUMERS

TCM Review

#	UCI
1	7577017
2	7522287
3	7526858
4	7593389
5	7580766
6	7517725
7	7569263
8	5726740
9	5362272
10	7534787
11	7404732
12	6212977
13	7503444
14	5501697
15	7554440
16	7597918
17	7518632
18	7544703
19	7301778
20	7571890
21	7518194
22	7504921
23	7414164
24	5556014
25	4880636
26	7406112
27	7597446
28	4882213
29	7568267
30	7573200
31	5882287
32	7590127
33	4884159
34	8242385
35	7590338
36	8261955
37	6056365
38	7559275
39	7562714
40	7587332

41	7554403
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NHR Review

#	UCI
1	7504418
2	7511694
3	7550173
4	6287527
5	7523327
6	6605130
7	6805309
8	5960687
9	5501754
10	7526940

ATTACHMENT I

TCM DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR Sample Size: 41 Records Billed Units Reviewed: 3,240	# OF OCCURRENCES			% OF OCCURRENCES	
	YES	NO	NA	YES	NO
1. The TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS.	3,240	0	0	100	0
2. The TCM service documentation billed to DDS is consistent with the definition of TCM service.	3,189	51	0	98	2
3. The TCM service documentation is signed and dated by appropriate regional center personnel.	3,240	0	0	100	0

NHR DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR Sample Size: 10 Records	# OF OCCURRENCES			% OF OCCURRENCES	
	YES	NO	NA	YES	NO
1. There is evidence of dispositions for DDS NHR referrals.	10	0	0	100	0
2. Dispositions are reported to DDS.	10	0	0	100	0
3. The regional center submits claims for referral dispositions.	10	0	0	100	0