



TIP Sheet



REMOVAL OF RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT ADMISSION CAPS

Regulatory Authority:

Information Notice 21-021 Updated Policy on Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Residential Treatment Limitations

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- Prior to January 31, 2021, Medi-Cal reimbursement to county DMC-ODS plans for residential services was limited to a maximum of two noncontinuous residential stays during a one-year period.
- After January 1, 2021 the limitations on the number of residential stays has been removed. This means, a client can have multiple admissions in all residential treatment levels.
- A client's length of stay for residential treatment services shall be determined by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) based on medical necessity.
- The statewide goal for the average length of stay for residential treatment services provided by DMC-ODS participating counties is 30 days or less. Contra Costa is currently at: 21.4 days (DHCS and UCLA DMC-ODS Residential Length of Stay Webinar 10/15/2021)
- In furtherance of the statewide goal, the county shall adhere and continue to monitor length of stay requirements set forth by DHCS.

