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TO: Los Angeles County Substance Use Disorder
Contracted Youth System of Care Providers

FROM: Wesley L. Ford, M.A., M.P.H., Division Director
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SUBJECT: **BILLING FOR YOUTH TREATMENT AND PREVENTION SERVICES**

Effective immediately, individual or small-group intervention services provided to youth (ages 12-17) and young adults (ages 18-20) should be billed against the provider's Drug-Medi-Cal Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment contract. This would include intervention services to youth and young adults including Probation and/or Court mandated referrals under Proposition 64, who are determined to be "at-risk" of developing a substance use disorder from the At-Risk Determination tool.

Upon "at-risk" determination, youth and young adults are eligible for short-term intervention services (e.g., counseling and case management) for their substance use through the EPSDT Medi-Cal benefit. These services are low-intensity, limited to 16 units of service (in 15 minute increments; totaling 4 hours), and must be provided in outpatient SUD settings.

Providers with Adolescent, Intervention, Treatment and Recovery Programs - Prevention (AITRP-Prev) contracts will not be reimbursed for intervention or treatment services billed against this contract. AITRP-Prev contracts continue to be funded with Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Block Grant Prevention Set-Aside money for primary prevention services. Primary prevention is defined as strategies, programs, and services directed at individuals who have not been determined to require treatment for a SUD. Therefore, prevention strategies may consist of both individual- and population-based services using the six prevention strategies identified by the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. The strategies are Information Dissemination, Education, Alternatives, Problem Identification and Referral, Community-Based Process, and Environmental.

This billing distinction applies to all youth and young adults regardless of Medi-Cal eligibility.

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