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TO: All ACBHCS County & Contracted *Outpatient SUD* Providers

FROM: ACBHCS Quality Assurance (QA) Department

RE: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Medical Chart Auditing

Following submission of the ACBHCS SUD Corrective Action Plan, as a result of the 2017 DHCS Drug Medi-Cal (DMC)/SAPT Review, the DHCS has provided us with additional guidance and new information.

Per DHCS, Alameda County BHCS is required to audit each SAPG and DMC SUD provider annually (per FY). Please note this clarification represents a shift in plans from those we presented at the October 5, 2017 monthly SUD provider meeting.

As well, per BHCS's Audit Policy (http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/QA/docs/qa_manual/8-1_AUDIT_MED_CHARTS_SMHS_and_NON-SMHS.pdf), BHCS may perform quarterly SUD system of care audits with random selection of client episodes. Currently this is not planned for FY 2017-18; SUD providers will be informed if a system of care audit(s) will take place for FY 2018-19.

This FY's (17-18) first SUD audit will review charts for the time period of 10/15/17 – 1/15/18. All SAPG and DMC SUD providers (except NTP) will be included. Two to four charts will be requested from each agency in January of 2018.

For the past two years ACBHCS QA has conducted regular SUD Clinical Documentation Trainings and provided technical assistance. Training resources as well as recommended compliant forms are available on the Provider Website. http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/QA/aod.htm

If you have any questions about the upcoming Audit, your Quality Assurance Coordinator may contact Brion Phipps, LCSW at Brion.Phipps@ACgov.org or by calling 510.567.8039.

SAPG and DMC programming requirement questions may be directed to Sharon Loveseth, CAADCII, LAADC* at Sharon.Loveseth@ACgov.org.

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