

**- MEMORANDUM -**

DATE: January 9, 2023  
TO: DMC ODS Perinatal and Parenting Residential Providers  
FROM: Juliene Schrick, Utilization Management Division Director  
SUBJECT: Change in Reporting Unit (RU) Procedure

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**Purpose of Memo:**

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update to Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) Utilization Management’s (UM) current authorization process for individuals who currently receive services within the Parenting program.

**Change in Reporting Unit Procedure:**

Medi-Cal has eliminated the number of allowed reimbursable residential days and determined that medical necessity as the only criteria for continued stay in residential level of care. As a result, UM **will no longer require** that Perinatal/Parenting providers switch RUs after 120 days of residential treatment (i.e. switching from DMC Parenting to Non DMC Parenting). The amended process is as follows:

<b><u>DMC Perinatal RU (no change)</u></b>	60 days postpartum (to the end of the month of the pregnancy end date).
<b><u>DMC Parenting RU</u></b>	From date of admission until the individual no longer meets medical necessity for residential level of care (no cap).
<b><u>Set-Aside Bed</u></b>	When medical necessity for residential level of care is no longer met, the individual would either discharge to a lower level of care or be opened to the Non DMC RU so that services can be billed under the Set Aside bed procedure code (305).
<b><u>Non DMC RU</u></b>	Non DMC RU will only be utilized when an individual no longer meets medical necessity for residential level of care and services are being billed under Set Aside procedure code (305).

We anticipate this change will result in fewer RU changes since an individual would only need to be opened under the Non DMC RU if they will utilize Set-Aside Bed funding.

**For Follow Up Questions:**

If you have any questions, please contact Utilization Review Clinical Review Specialists Lori Shallcross @ 510.567.8263 or Theresa Bui @ 510.567.8152.

Thank you

