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Dear Mental Health Providers:

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) has an immediate need for qualified individual providers/practitioners to provide culturally appropriate services to individuals who are deaf and hearing impaired.

BHCS is calling on mental health providers/practitioners to help meet its mission to maximize the recovery, resilience and wellness of all Alameda County residents who are experiencing mild to moderate mental illnesses and who are eligible for mental health benefits under Alameda County's Mental Health Plan.

Alameda County is home to 1.5 million people and is now one of the most diverse regions in the Bay Area and the nation. Nearly forty-three percent of the population speaks a language other than English at home. As you know, linguistically and culturally appropriate communication with a mental health provider/practitioner is vital to successful treatment and recovery.

Providers/practitioners in the MHP Provider Network serve Alameda County children and adults who are eligible for mental health benefits under Medi-Cal and other funding streams under Alameda County's mental health plan. Individuals served by the Network are experiencing mild to moderate mental illnesses that meet medical necessity for specialty mental health services. The MHP reimbursement rates differ depending on the provider/practitioner's discipline. BHCS provides additional rates for bilingual services, such as American Sign Language (ASL).

To join the MHP Provider Network you must be a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), a licensed marriage and family therapist (MFT) or a licensed clinical psychologists (Ph.D./Psy.D). BHCS encourages you to apply to join the MHP Network by completing and submitting a Brief Application: http://www.acbhcs.org/Providers/Network/docs/2012/Brief_Application.doc.

For frequently asked questions, please visit <http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/network/docs.htm>.

Thank you,

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