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**BHS-CYF Information Alert
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**DHCS MHSUDS INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 16-004
PROVISION OF ICC AND IHBS AS MEDICALLY NECESSARY THROUGH EPSDT**

On February 5, 2016 the Department of Health Care Services issued an Information Notice regarding the Provision of Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) and Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS) as Medically Necessary Through EPSDT. The notice outlines that Mental Health Plans (MHPs) “are obligated to provide ICC and IHBS through the EPSDT benefit to all children and youth under the age of 21 who are eligible for the full scope of Medi-Cal services and who meet medical necessity criteria for these services. Neither membership in the Katie A. class nor subclass is a prerequisite to consideration for receipt of ICC and IHBS, and therefore a child does not need to have an open child welfare services case to be considered for receipt of these services.”

Counties are working together through the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA) to obtain clarifications for the DHCS regarding the Information Notice.

The County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services (BHS) – Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Team is evaluating the system impact and how to implement this direction from the DHCS.

Providers are to continue following existing protocol until further written direction/training is provided by BHS-CYF.

Please direct any input and questions to your program COR and/or Amanda Lance-Sexton, the Interim County Pathways to Well-Being Program Manager at Amanda.Lance-Sexton@sdcounty.ca.gov