

**Far Northern Regional Center  
Targeted Case Management and  
Nursing Home Reform  
Monitoring Review Report**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) conducted a federal compliance monitoring review of the Targeted Case Management (TCM) and Nursing Home Reform (NHR) programs from March 10–12, 2014, at Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC). The monitoring team selected 33 consumer records for the TCM review. A sample of seven records was selected for consumers who had previously been referred to FNRC for a NHR assessment.

### Purpose of the Review

Case management services for regional center consumers with developmental disabilities were added as a medical benefit to the Medi-Cal State Plan in 1986 under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. TCM services are those “. . . services which will assist individuals in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational, and other services.” DDS implemented the TCM program statewide on July 1, 1988.

The NHR Pre-Admission Screening/Resident Review (PAS/RR) program involves determining whether an individual in a nursing facility with suspected developmental disabilities is developmentally disabled and requires specialized services.

### Overview of the TCM/NHR Compliance Monitoring Protocol

The review criteria for the TCM and NHR programs are derived from federal and state statutes and regulations and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines relating to the provision of these services.

### Findings

#### Section I – Targeted Case Management

Thirty three consumer records, containing 2,199 billed units, were reviewed for three criteria. The sample records were 100% in compliance for criterion 1 (TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS), 96% in compliance for criterion 2 (TCM service documentation is consistent with the definition of TCM service), and 100% in compliance for criterion 3 (TCM service documentation identifies the individual who wrote the note and the date the note was completed).

#### Section II – Nursing Home Reform

Seven consumer records were reviewed for three criteria. The seven sample records were 100% in compliance for all three criteria.

## SECTION I TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT

### Criterion

1. The Targeted Case Management (TCM) service and unit documentation matches information transmitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

### Finding

FNRC transmitted 2,199 TCM units to DDS for the 33 sample consumers. All of the recorded units matched the number of units reported to DDS.

### Recommendation

None.

2. The TCM service documentation billed to DDS is consistent with the definition of TCM service.

Allowable TCM units are based on services which assist consumers to gain access to needed social, educational, medical or other services and include the following components: 1) assessment and periodic reassessment to determine service needs; 2) development and periodic revision of an individual program plan (IPP) based on the information collected through the assessment or reassessment; 3) monitoring and follow-up activities, including activities and contacts that are necessary to ensure that the IPP is effectively implemented and adequately addresses the needs of the consumer; and 4) referral and related activities to help the consumer obtain needed services. However, it is important to note that TCM does not include the direct provision of these needed services.

### Finding

The sample of thirty-three consumer records contained 2,199 billed TCM units. Of this total, 2,119 (96%) of the units contained descriptions that were consistent with the definition of TCM services. Eighty of the billed units had descriptions of activities that were either not consistent with the definition of TCM services, did not support the amount of time claimed or were duplicative entries.

Recommendation	Regional Center Plan/Response
FNRC should ensure that the time spent on the identified activities that are inconsistent with TCM claimable services (sent separately) is reversed.	FNRC has reversed or reduced time spent on the activities that are inconsistent with TCM claimable services; additionally, a new TCM training is in development, mandatory for all service coordinators based on

	review findings.
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3. The TCM documentation identifies the service coordinator recording the notes and each note is dated.

Finding

The TCM documentation in the 33 sample consumer records identified the case manager and the date the service was completed.

Recommendation

None.

## SECTION II NURSING HOME REFORM

### Criterion

1. There is evidence of dispositions for the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) Nursing Home Reform (NHR) referrals.

### Finding

The seven sample consumer records contained a copy of the Pre-Admission Screening/Resident Review (PAS/RR) Level I form, or NHR automated printout.

### Recommendation

None.

2. The disposition is reported to DDS.

### Finding

The seven sample consumer records contained a PAS/RR Level II document or written documentation responding to the Level I referral.

### Recommendation

None.

3. The regional center submitted a claim for the referral disposition.

### Finding

The billing information for the seven sample consumers had been entered into the AS 400 computer system and electronically transmitted to DDS.

### Recommendation

None.

### SAMPLE CONSUMERS TCM Review

#	UCI	#	UCI
1	XXXXXXXX	18	XXXXXXXX
2	XXXXXXXX	19	XXXXXXXX
3	XXXXXXXX	20	XXXXXXXX
4	XXXXXXXX	21	XXXXXXXX
5	XXXXXXXX	22	XXXXXXXX
6	XXXXXXXX	23	XXXXXXXX
7	XXXXXXXX	24	XXXXXXXX
8	XXXXXXXX	25	XXXXXXXX
9	XXXXXXXX	26	XXXXXXXX
10	XXXXXXXX	27	XXXXXXXX
11	XXXXXXXX	28	XXXXXXXX
12	XXXXXXXX	29	XXXXXXXX
13	XXXXXXXX	30	XXXXXXXX
14	XXXXXXXX	31	XXXXXXXX
15	XXXXXXXX	32	XXXXXXXX
16	XXXXXXXX	33	XXXXXXXX
17	XXXXXXXX		

### NHR Review

#	UCI
1	XXXXXXXX
2	XXXXXXXX
3	XXXXXXXX
4	XXXXXXXX
5	XXXXXXXX
6	XXXXXXXX
7	XXXXXXXX

## ATTACHMENT I

### TCM DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR Sample Size: 33 Records Billed Units Reviewed:	# OF OCCURRENCES			% OF OCCURRENCES	
	YES	NO	NA	YES	NO
The TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS.	2,199	0		100	0
The TCM service documentation billed to DDS is consistent with the definition of TCM service.	2,119	80		96	4
The TCM documentation identifies the service coordinator recording the notes and each note is dated	2,199	0		100	0

### NHR DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR Sample Size: 7 Records	# OF OCCURRENCES			% OF OCCURRENCES	
	YES	NO	NA	YES	NO
1. There is evidence of dispositions for DDS NHR referrals.	7			100	
2. Dispositions are reported to DDS.	7			100	
3. The regional center submits claims for referral dispositions.	7			100	