

**North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Targeted Case Management and
Nursing Home Reform
Monitoring Review Report**

Conducted by:

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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 June 9 -12, 2008, at North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC).

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 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines relating to the provision of these services.

Findings

Section I – Targeted Case Management

Fifty consumer records, containing 3,897 billed units, were reviewed for three criteria during the period of review. The sample records were 100% in compliance for criterion 1 (TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS), 98% 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 appropriate NLACRC personnel who completed the entry).

Section II – Nursing Home Reform

Ten consumer records were reviewed for three criteria. The 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).

Findings

The sample of 50 consumer records contained 3,897 billed TCM units. All of the recorded units matched the number of units reported to DDS.

Recommendations

None.

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

Findings

Of the 3,897 billed units, 3,823 (98%) of the units contained descriptions that were consistent with the definition of TCM services. Allowable TCM units are based on services which assist consumers and/or their families to gain access to resources and services; assessment of level of functioning to assist in determining the appropriate care, training, and services to be provided to consumers and/or their families; reviewing and analyzing consumer's medical, social, and psychological evaluations; consulting with other professionals; and developing consumer's individual program plans.

Seventy-four of the billed TCM units had descriptions of activities that were not consistent with the definition of TCM services, were not sufficient to determine if the activities could be considered case management, or appeared to be duplicates of other entries. Detailed information on these findings and the specific actions required has been sent under separate cover letter.

Recommendation	Regional Center Plan/Response
<p>NLACRC should ensure that the time spent on the identified activities that are inconsistent with TCM claimable services (sent separately) is reversed.</p>	<p>TCM training session is scheduled for 11/20/08 Supervisors' meeting, at which time updated training materials will be provided & discussed. Updated TCM training materials will also be provided at NSO sessions. Technical assistance continues to be provided to all Supervisors & CSCs regarding TCM issues. NLACRC will reverse the units that we agreed are not consistent with the definition of TCM services or are duplicate entries.</p>

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

Findings

The TCM documentation in the 50 sample consumer records identified the service coordinator and the date the note was completed.

Recommendations

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.

Findings

The ten sample consumer records contained either a Pre-Admission Screening/Resident Review (PAS/RR) Level I document or NHR automated printout.

Recommendation

None.

2. The disposition is reported to DDS.

Findings

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

Recommendation

None.

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

Findings

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

Recommendation

None.

SAMPLE CONSUMERS
TCM Review

#	UCI
1	XXXXXXXX
2	XXXXXXXX
3	XXXXXXXX
4	XXXXXXXX
5	XXXXXXXX
6	XXXXXXXX
7	XXXXXXXX
8	XXXXXXXX
9	XXXXXXXX
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NHR Review

#	UCI
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2	XXXXXXXX
3	XXXXXXXX
4	XXXXXXXX
5	XXXXXXXX
6	XXXXXXXX
7	XXXXXXXX
8	XXXXXXXX
9	XXXXXXXX
10	XXXXXXXX

**ATTACHMENT I
 TCM DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS**

CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR Sample Size: 50 Records Billed Units Reviewed: 3,897	# OF OCCURRENCES			% OF OCCURRENCES	
	YES	NO	NA	YES	NO
1. The TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS.	3,897			100	
2. The TCM service documentation billed to DDS is consistent with the definition of TCM service.	3,823	43		98	2
3. The TCM service documentation is signed and dated by appropriate regional center personnel.	3,897			100	

NHR DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR Sample Size: 10 Records	# OF OCCURRENCES			% OF OCCURRENCES	
	YES	NO	NA	YES	NO
1. There is evidence of dispositions for DDS NHR referrals.	10			100	
2. Dispositions are reported to DDS.	10			100	
3. The regional center submits claims for referral dispositions.	10			100	