

**Kern 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 November 4–8, 2019, at Kern Regional Center (KRC). The monitoring team selected 29 consumer records for the TCM review. A sample of nine records was selected from consumers who had previously been referred to KRC for an 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 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

Twenty-nine consumer records, containing 2,062 billed units, were reviewed for three criteria. The sample records were 100 percent in compliance for criterion 1 (TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS), 92 percent in compliance for criterion 2 (TCM service documentation is consistent with the definition of TCM service), and 100 percent 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

Nine consumer records were reviewed for three criteria. The nine sample records were 100 percent 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

KRC transmitted 2,042 TCM units to DDS for the 29 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.

Findings

The sample of 29 consumer records contained 2,062 billed TCM units. Of this total, 1,904 (92 percent) of the units contained descriptions that were consistent with the definition of TCM services.

Recommendation	Regional Center Plan/Response
KRC should ensure that the time spent on the identified activities that are inconsistent with TCM claimable services (sent separately) is reversed.	<p>KRC will reverse all units identified that are inconsistent with TCM claimable services.</p> <p>KRC completed training on November 10, 2020, for all case management staff. Program managers will be conducting random audits of TCM</p>

	entries to ensure that they meet the definition of what is billable and provide additional guidance and support to the service coordinator.
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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 29 sample consumer records identified the service coordinator who wrote the note 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 nine 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 nine 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 nine 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	XXXXXX	16	XXXXXX
2	XXXXXX	17	XXXXXX
3	XXXXXX	18	XXXXXX
4	XXXXXX	19	XXXXXX
5	XXXXXX	20	XXXXXX
6	XXXXXX	21	XXXXXX
7	XXXXXX	22	XXXXXX
8	XXXXXX	23	XXXXXX
9	XXXXXX	24	XXXXXX
10	XXXXXX	25	XXXXXX
11	XXXXXX	26	XXXXXX
12	XXXXXX	27	XXXXXX
13	XXXXXX	28	XXXXXX
14	XXXXXX	29	XXXXXX
15	XXXXXX		

NHR Review

#	UCI
1	XXXXXX
2	XXXXXX
3	XXXXXX
4	XXXXXX
5	XXXXXX
6	XXXXXX
7	XXXXXX
8	XXXXXX
9	XXXXXX

ATTACHMENT I

TCM DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR Sample Size: 29 Records Billed Units Reviewed: 2,042	# OF OCCURRENCES			% OF OCCURRENCES	
	YES	NO	NA	YES	NO
1. The TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS.	2,042			100	
2. The TCM service documentation billed to DDS is consistent with the definition of TCM service.	1,877	185		92	8
3. The TCM service documentation is signed and dated by appropriate regional center personnel.	2,042			100	

NHR DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR Sample Size: 9 Records	# OF OCCURRENCES			% OF OCCURRENCES	
	YES	NO	NA	YES	NO
1. There is evidence of dispositions for DDS NHR referrals.	9			100	
2. Dispositions are reported to DDS.	9			100	
3. The regional center submits claims for referral dispositions.	9			100	