Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

START-ODS
SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION TO ADVANCE RECOVERY AND TREATMENT

Los Angeles County’s Substance Use Disorder Organized Delivery System
Expansion of Substance SUD Services under ACA

March 23, 2010: President Obama Signs the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to Achieve the “Triple Aim”

1. Improving the Individual Experience of Care
2. Improving the Health of Populations
3. Reducing the Per Capita Costs of Care for Populations

May 1, 2016: Medi-Cal Eligibility Expansion
Children under 19 are eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal regardless of immigration status, if other eligibility requirements are met

February 11, 2016: Implementation Plan Submitted
LAC Submits plan to DHCS and CMS for review and approval, pending response

August 13, 2015: Stakeholder Process Launched
SAPC Launches DMC-ODS Stakeholder Process to Officially Launch Efforts to Expand and Improve SUD Services in LAC

November 21, 2014: DHCS Submits DMC-ODS Waiver Amendment to CMS
Expands available levels of care, adopts ASAM criteria, supports quality assurance/utilization management

January 1, 2014: Medi-Cal Eligibility Expansion
New beneficiaries now include single adults without children, with income up to 138% Federal Poverty Level (FLP)

July 1, 2016: My Health LA SUD Expansion
Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services available to individuals eligible for My Health LA
This is the greatest opportunity in recent history to design and implement a substance use disorder (SUD) system of care that has the financial and clinical resources to more fully address the complex needs of all our patients.
NEW DMC BENEFITS...

- Beneficiary Access Line
- Medically Necessary Services:
  - Individually Counseling
  - Family Counseling
  - Group Counseling
- Case-Management and Care Coordination
- Recovery Support Services
- Short-Term Residential
  - Youth: up to two 30-day episodes
  - Adults: up to two 90-day episodes
- Withdrawal Management
  - Ambulatory
  - Residential

DMC covered services are significantly expanded, and most are not capped if medically necessary (except residential) and available for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

...A SINGLE BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR ALL PATIENTS, INCLUDING MY HEALTH LA
NOW: Multiple primary payers and funding sources

LATER (by July 1, 2017): DMC will fund most services for most patients