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| DATE | May 5, 2017 |
| TO | Policy and Advocacy Committee |
| FROM |  Cherise Burns Central Services Manager |
| SUBJECT | Agenda Item #6(c)(12) – AB 470 (Arambula) Medi-Cal: Specialty Mental Health Services: Performance Outcome Dashboard |

Background:

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to develop a performance outcome system for specialty mental health services provided to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This bill would also require DHCS, in collaboration with the California Health and Human Services Agency, to create a plan for a performance outcome system for specialty mental health services and would require DHCS to convene a stakeholder advisory committee to help create a plan for a performance outcomes system for specialty mental health services. Additionally, the bill would require the department to consider specified objectives, such as high-quality and accessible specialty mental health services for eligible adults. Lastly, the bill would require DHCS to provide quarterly updates on the performance outcome system post those updates on DHCS's web site.

Location: Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Status: 4/26/17 Set first hearing, referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations
 Suspense File.

Votes: 4/4/2017 Assembly Committee on Health (14-1-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 470 (Arambula) for potential impacts on statewide access to mental health services and reductions in mental health disparities for vulnerable consumers.

(5) (A) Data required pursuant to paragraph (4) shall be disaggregated by age, sex, gender identity, race, ethnicity, primary language, sexual orientation, ZIP Code, and any other factors for which there is peer-reviewed evidence of mental health disparities.

(B) The department shall not report any demographic data under paragraph (4) or this paragraph that would permit identification of individuals.

(6) (A) The department shall provide the performance outcome performance outcome dashboard for specialty mental health services described in this section to all fiscal committees and appropriate policy committees of the Legislature no later than December 31, 2018.

(B) Commencing January 1, 2019, the department shall provide quarterly updates to the performance outcome dashboard for specialty mental health and shall post the updated report on the department's Internet Web site.

(7) Commencing January 1, 2019, the department shall consult with the stakeholder advisory committee specified in paragraph (1) to do both of the following:

(A) Incorporate additional components into the performance outcome dashboard, including, but not limited to, components concerning the reduction of mental health disparities, timely access to services, language access, and quality and utilization measures, relating to mental health services obtained through Medi-Cal managed care plans.

(B) Make recommendations for statewide quality improvement and efforts to reduce mental health disparities based on information reported in the performance outcome dashboard.

(8) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the department may implement, interpret, or make specific this subdivision by means of all-county letters, plan letters, plan or provider bulletins, or similar instructions, without taking regulatory action.