

AB637 Public Comment Announcements

Public Hearing Scheduled for April 30, 2024

Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) is seeking public input in accordance with Welfare and Institutions (WIC) Code §4669.75(b) in order to submit an AB637/1543/1106 Waiver Proposal to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in accordance with statutory requirements. We are specifically seeking public input for the following proposals:

1. GGRC is seeking to exceed the current capacity limit of 39 individuals that may receive Crisis Team Evaluation/ Behavioral Intervention Services (Service Code 017) from CBEM, LLC-Specialized Critical Intervention Services (PG0733).

Background Information

CBEM, LLC-Specialized Critical Intervention Services (PG0733) was vendored to provide Crisis Team Evaluation/ Behavioral Intervention Services (Service Code 017) on June 1, 2008. Since the rates for this program were in effect on June 30, 2008 these rate are frozen pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (4691.9) except in instances of a Department approved health and safety exemption. (Note: State laws also allowed two exceptions: Assembly Bill X2 1 and Senate Bill 81 allowed us to increase the rates by percentages determined by the department).

Initially, the CBEM vendorization was also established through a contract for a maximum monthly rate for San Francisco and Marin Counties. On June 16, 2012, the contract was amended to add a maximum monthly rate for San Mateo County. Effective July 2, 2021, per service provide agreement, the rates or Crisis Team Evaluation/ Behavioral Intervention Services were consolidated and recalculated as a per individual per month rate. In addition, the services were no longer paid for on a contract-line. Instead, services were required to be authorized via Purchase of Services for each individual that requires the services.

This change required GGRC to establish a limit to the maximum capacity of 39 individuals to comply with the rate freeze. Therefore, if there are more than 39 individuals that need these services individuals may have to wait for an opening to become available.

Impact

• Proposal ensures that individuals will be able to receive Crisis Team Evaluation/Behavioral Intervention Services in a timely fashion.

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- Access these services may prevent forensic involvement and/or placement in a costly more restrictive setting.
- Ensures that GGRC can meet the promise of the Lanterman Act to ensure that individuals can live the most independent and productive life possible in their community.
- Providing services to more than 39 individual per month will increase total monthly reimbursement to the provider.

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A Public hearing to receive comments on these proposals will be held on April 30, 2024 at 10am via Zoom.

Please click **HERE** to register or use the QR code below:



Input, comments, and suggestions are being solicited from the community at large. Please submit written public comments to Sean Galvin at sgalvin@ggrc.org by May 6, 2024.

Thank you,

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