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Regional Drug Medi-Cal Model  
Partnership HealthPlan and  
Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake,  
Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc,  
Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano and  
Trinity Counties  
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# Who are we?

- Partnership HealthPlan of California is a public agency that administers Medi-Cal in 14 Northern California counties. Our board is made up of county-appointed representatives and our mission is to help our members and the communities we serve be healthy.

# What is Drug Medi-Cal?



- Comprehensive substance use delivery system
- Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) provides most of the other Medi-Cal services

# Proposed Northern Region

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## We are connected by:

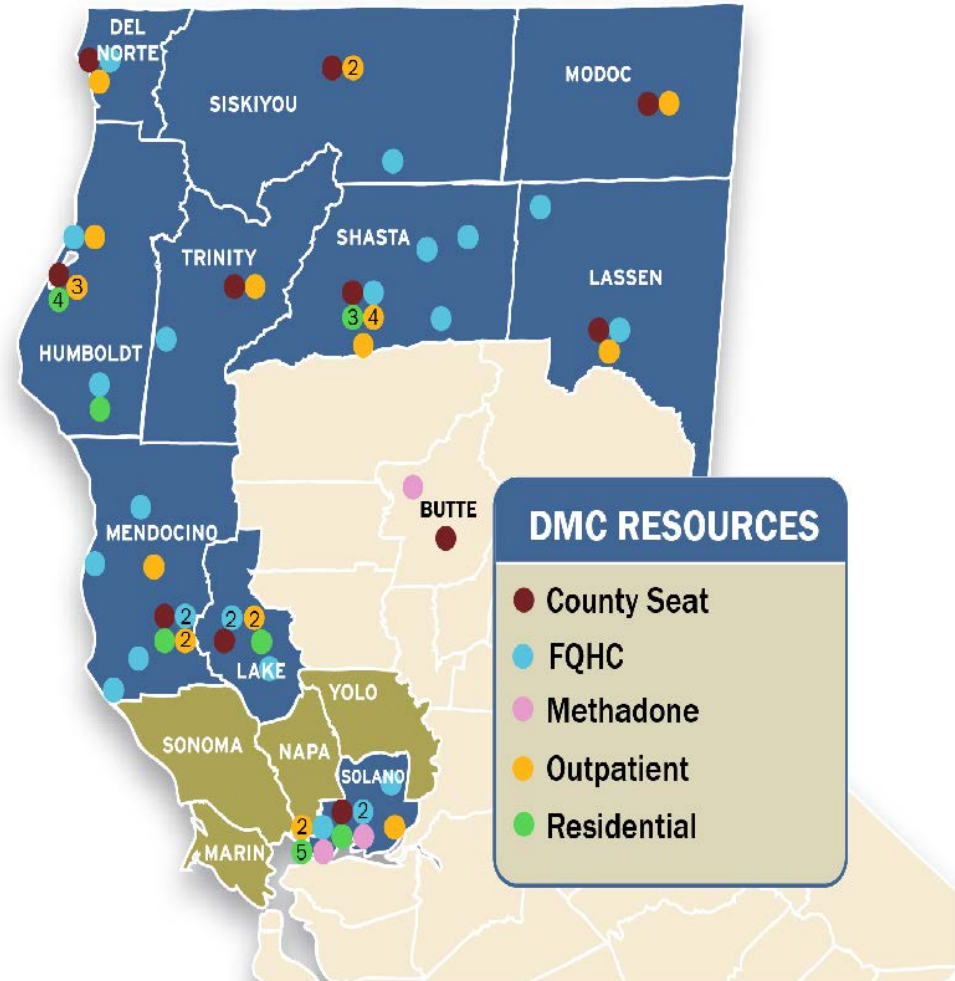
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Partnership Health Plan

County Medical Services Program

C-IV eligibility system



# Drug Medi-Cal Services Under the Waiver

- Outpatient treatment, including intensive outpatient services
- Residential services (up to 90 days)
- Case management
- Withdrawal management (“detox”)
- Recovery services (community support)
- Medication assisted treatment including narcotic replacement therapy (methadone)

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# Who qualifies for services?



- Persons with Medi-Cal coverage; low income that may also be eligible for SNAP (food stamps), SSI (disability) or other benefits.
- Only those whose needs are considered **medically necessary** according to criteria established by the American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM).
- We will be providing training on ASAM tools, along with trainings on the model and best practices for treatment.

# How will clients receive services?

- **Self referral:** individual can call a Central Access Line or visit one of the community providers to be assessed and referred for treatment.
- **Provider referral:** Providers, including county or community agencies, can access individuals and refer them for treatment.
- **Criminal justice staff:** Criminal justice agencies may be able to assess and refer clients into the service system, if they have qualified and trained staff (including a licensed provider to determine medical necessity\*).
- **Others:** Other potential referral agencies include a variety of government or community organizations such as child welfare agencies; clinics and other community providers.

**\*Assessments must be made by a licensed professional or a certified counselor under the direction of a licensed professional.**

# Other Highlights of the Plan

- Screenings and client placement available at multiple sites
- Prior authorization for services will only be required for residential treatment
- Emphasis on coordinated care, and making sure clients get the physical and mental health services they need as well
- Extensive training and outreach to agencies and providers
- Build upon the existing system of providers and services
- Centralized quality assurance; utilization review and management of the network.



# Fiscal Structure

- Counties can receive federal matching funds for their contributions to the system. PHC will contract with each county for a share of their realignment funds and provide additional support from Plan resources.
- Services could be expanded over time through identification of other government funds that the federal government will match (e.g., AB 109 or general funds).
- The “risk” for the costs of care will be borne by Partnership HealthPlan; i.e., if the costs exceed estimates the Plan will absorb the loss.

# Implications specific to Criminal Justice agencies

- Some of the services that are currently being provided with AB 109 or other funds will be provided through the Drug Medi-Cal program and paid for by Medi-Cal if they receive State Drug Medi-Cal certification.
- Enhanced support for the coordination of health care services for non-incarcerated criminal justice clients.
- Focus on ensuring that eligible clients enroll in Medi-Cal on a timely basis, including “pre eligibility” services in the jail.
- Opportunity for criminal justice agencies to directly refer clients into treatment or otherwise participate in their care (e.g., case management).

# Next Steps

- Followup with your county's alcohol and drug treatment staff to ensure that specific concerns are addressed
- Attend free trainings provided by PHC and others
- Information will also be available on PHC's website: [partnershiphp.org](http://partnershiphp.org)
- Contact Partnership HealthPlan: (email)





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