

**Eastern Los Angeles 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 February 13-16, 2015 at Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC). The monitoring team selected 30 consumer records for the TCM review. A sample of 10 records was selected from consumers who had previously been referred to ELARC for a 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 (PAS/RR) 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

Thirty consumer records, containing 2,069 billed units, were reviewed for three criteria. The sample records were 100% in compliance for criterion 1 (TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS), 98% in compliance for criterion 2 (TCM service documentation is consistent with the definition of TCM service), and 100% 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

Ten consumer records were reviewed for three criteria. The 10 sample records were 100% 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

ELARC transmitted 2,069 TCM units to DDS for the 30 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.

### Finding

The sample of 30 consumer records contained 2,069 billed TCM units. Of this total, 2,020 (98%) of the units contained descriptions that were consistent with the definition of TCM services. Forty-nine of the units had descriptions of activities that were not consistent with the definition of TCM services. Detailed information on these findings and the actions required will be sent under a separate cover letter.

Recommendation	Regional Center Plan/Response
ELARC should ensure that the time claimed on those identified activities that are inconsistent with TCM claimable services (sent separately) is reversed.	ELARC will reverse a total of 49 units from the system. These examples will be used to illustrate activities not claimable.

3. The TCM documentation identifies the service coordinator recording the notes and each note is dated.

Finding

The TCM documentation in the 30 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 10 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 10 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 ten sample consumers had been entered into the AS 400 computer system and electronically transmitted to DDS.

#### Recommendation

None

**SAMPLE CONSUMERS  
TCM Review**

<b>#</b>	<b>UCI</b>
1	5781968
2	7300469
3	7302505
4	7305914
5	7318258
6	7400053
7	7921057
8	6097517
9	7300493
10	7302486
11	7303370
12	7304440
13	7310834
14	7696298
15	6243415
16	7301057
17	7301282
18	7303857
19	7311504
20	7313704
21	7319489
22	7886546
23	7321267
24	7323746
25	7327033
26	7330328
27	7333156
28	7334817
29	7335750
30	7423658

### NHR Review

#	UCI
1	7309096
2	7305582
3	7304676
4	H003909
5	7303026
6	H004028
7	7300694
8	7303856
9	7424959
10	7305250



### TCM DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR Sample Size: 30 Records Billed Units Reviewed: 2,069	# OF OCCURRENCES			% OF OCCURRENCES	
	YES	NO	NA	YES	NO
1. The TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS.	2069	0		100	
2. The TCM service documentation billed to DDS is consistent with the definition of TCM service.	2,020	49		98	2
3. The TCM service documentation is signed and dated by appropriate regional center personnel.	2069	0		100	

### NHR DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR Sample Size: 10 Records	# OF OCCURRENCES			% OF OCCURRENCES	
	YES	NO	NA	YES	NO
1. There is evidence of dispositions for DDS NHR referrals.	10	0		100	
2. Dispositions are reported to DDS.	10	0		100	
3. The regional center submits claims for referral dispositions.	10	0		100	