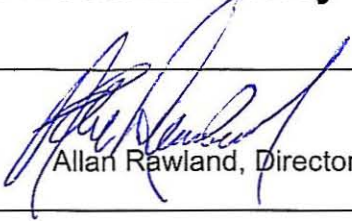


**County of San Bernardino
Department of Behavioral Health**

Adult System of Care Out-of-County Placement Policy

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Policy In accordance with Title 9, Division 1, Section 1830.220, Adult Out-of-County placements will occur only when "Out of Plan Services" specialty mental health services are provided to a beneficiary when alternatives within the County of San Bernardino (County) have been exhausted, and/or when an out-of-county placement is in the best interest of a beneficiary.

Purpose The purpose of this policy is to determine when it is appropriate to place San Bernardino County beneficiaries outside the County.

Definition **Host county** means the county or provider outside the County of San Bernardino where specialty mental health services are being provided to the beneficiary whose originating county is the County of San Bernardino.

Placement Guidelines Access will be provided for beneficiaries living out of the County and may occur in the following cases:

1. When an appropriate Institute of Mental Disease (IMD) level-of-care placement is located outside the County, these placements will be pre-approved by the host county IMD.
2. When an appropriate Board and Care is located outside the County of San Bernardino in the following cases:
 - When beneficiaries with physical disabilities, e.g.; deaf, blind, require specialized care not available within the County.
 - When beneficiaries with health-related conditions, e.g.; HIV, AIDS, hepatitis, require specialized care not available within the County.
 - When beneficiaries have symptoms/behaviors which require a specialized or unique treatment modality not available within the County. These placements will be coordinated with the Mental Health Department within the host county of placement and approved by the County Adult System of Care Program Manager II. Services to this population will be provided in accordance with Out-of County Services/Placement requirements of Title 9, Division 1, Section 1830.220. If the beneficiary is on conservatorship, the public conservator will be informed prior to the placement

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3. When an appropriate skilled nursing facility is located outside the County. These placements will be coordinated with the responsible party or agency, e.g. family member, public or private conservator.

References

CA Code of Regulations, Title 9, Division 1, Section 1830.220.

**Related Policy
or Procedure**

DBH Standard Practice Manual CLP0812: [Out of County Access for State Mental Hospital \(SMHS\)](#)
