

**Far Northern 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 June 20, 2022 through June 30, 2022, at Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC). The monitoring team selected 31 consumer records for the TCM review. A sample of ten records was selected from consumers who had previously been referred to FNRC for an 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 program involves determining whether an individual in a nursing facility with suspected developmental disabilities, has a developmental disability 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-one consumer records, containing 2,153 billed units, were reviewed for three criteria. The sample records were 100 percent in compliance for criterion 1 (TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS), 98 percent in compliance for criterion 2 (TCM service documentation is consistent with the definition of TCM service), and 100 percent 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 ten sample records were 100 percent 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

Far Northern Regional Center transmitted 2,152 TCM units to DDS for the 31 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.

### Findings

The sample of 31 consumer records contained 2,152 billed TCM units. Of this total, 2,110 (98 percent) of the units contained descriptions that were consistent with the definition of TCM services.

| Recommendation   | Regional Center Plan/Response  |
|--|--|
| FNRC should ensure that the time spent on the identified activities that are inconsistent with TCM claimable services (sent separately) is reversed. | <b>Correction:</b> All time spent on the identified activities that are inconsistent with TCM claimed services as noted in the audit findings have been reversed by having all of the associated units claimed retracted |

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

Finding

The TCM documentation in the 31 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 ten 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 ten 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

| #  | UCI     |
|----|---------|
| 1  | 5623368 |
| 2  | 6394595 |
| 3  | 6455362 |
| 4  | 7846892 |
| 5  | 5865845 |
| 6  | 7120655 |
| 7  | 6314561 |
| 8  | 5865894 |
| 9  | 6300396 |
| 10 | 6300297 |
| 11 | 5796149 |
| 12 | 6393290 |
| 13 | 6321319 |
| 14 | 6392105 |
| 15 | 6398139 |
| 16 | 7001282 |
| 17 | 5090444 |
| 18 | 5622352 |
| 19 | 6305791 |
| 20 | 6314322 |
| 21 | 5624986 |
| 22 | 1942762 |
| 23 | 6398154 |
| 24 | 6456500 |
| 25 | 8013678 |
| 26 | 6409295 |
| 27 | 5253885 |
| 28 | 6594010 |
| 29 | 6400785 |
| 30 | 6331789 |
| 31 | 7757885 |

### NHR Review

| #  | UCI     |
|----|---------|
| 1  | 6314306 |
| 2  | 6315105 |
| 3  | 6320642 |
| 4  | 6397100 |
| 5  | 6397594 |
| 6  | 6395859 |
| 7  | 6330659 |
| 8  | 6319438 |
| 9  | 6147193 |
| 10 | 6322986 |

## ATTACHMENT I

### TCM DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

| CRITERION PERFORMANCE INDICATOR<br>Sample Size: 31 Records<br>Billed Units Reviewed: 2,153       | # OF OCCURRENCES |    |    | % OF OCCURRENCES |    |
|--|------------------|----|----|------------------|----|
|  | YES              | NO | NA | YES              | NO |
| 1. The TCM service and unit documentation matches the information transmitted to DDS.            | 2152             |    |    |                  |    |
| 2. The TCM service documentation billed to DDS is consistent with the definition of TCM service. | 2110             | 42 |    | 98               | 2  |
| 3. The TCM service documentation is signed and dated by appropriate regional center personnel.   | 2152             |    |    |                  |    |

### NHR DISTRIBUTION OF FINDINGS

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