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**Mental Health**

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June 4, 2002

All County Mental Health Directors

Subject:      Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Cultural Competency Annual  
Update Submission

Dear County Mental Health Directors:

Mental health plans (MHPs) are required by Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Section 1810.410, to submit annual updates on their Cultural Competence Plans to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) for review and approval. DMH Information Notice No. 02-03 issued May 2, 2002, provided information on the update process and referenced this follow-up letter. Enclosed is the required format for the first submission under this update requirement.

Because this will be the first submission of Cultural Competence Plan updates, the update must cover the MHP's Cultural Competence Plan activities, progress, challenges and changes since July 1998, when the initial plans were submitted to DMH. This year the annual updates will be for review only. DMH will not conduct a formal approval process. New population, organizational and services provider assessments are not required for this update, although they will be required with the annual update due in June 2003.

Your completed Cultural Competency Plan update form are due to DMH Technical Assistance and Training Section by July 31, 2002. Please mail two copies of the update to Department of Mental Health, Technical Assistance and Training, 1600 9th Street, Room 100, Sacramento, CA 95814. The enclosed form is also available on the DMH web site at [www.dmh.ca.gov](http://www.dmh.ca.gov).

If you have questions about the plan update, please feel free to call me at (916) 654-2309, or contact your contract manager in the Technical Assistance and Training Section as listed below.



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Enclosure

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