



AB 3632 Conference Call: Mental Health Rehabilitation Services

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Reference Materials Available at:
[http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Services and Programs/Children and Youth/AB3632.asp](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Services_and_Programs/Children_and_Youth/AB3632.asp)

Welcome!

- Introductions
- Purpose of the call
- Agenda (see next slide)
- How will this call work?

Agenda

- I. **Background**
 - a. Suggestions, Questions, or Comments (15-20 min)
- II. **Review of Options**
 - a. Option 1
 - i. Suggestions, Questions, or Comments (15-20 min)
 - b. Option 2
 - i. Suggestions, Questions, or Comments (15-20 min)
 - c. Option 3
 - i. Suggestions, Questions, or Comments (15-20 min)
 - d. Option 4
 - i. Suggestions, Questions, or Comments (15-20 min)
 - e. Other Options
 - i. Suggestions, Questions, or Comments (15-20 min)
- III. **Conclusion**

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Background

- Program Overview
- Commission on State Mandates (CSM)
Parameters and Guidelines
- Mental Health Rehabilitation Services
- Exclusion from Reimbursement
- Consider Regulation Changes

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Option 1

- County mental health departments may provide rehabilitation services through the Medi-Cal program to children in AB 3632, if those children are Medi-Cal eligible and medical necessity criteria are met. One option for defining rehabilitation services for the AB 3632 program is to mirror the existing definition of "rehabilitation" in Title 9 Medi-Cal regulations. Section 1810.243 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the CCR defines "rehabilitation" as follows:

"Rehabilitation" means a service activity which includes, but is not limited to assistance in improving, maintaining, or restoring a beneficiary's or group of beneficiaries' functional skills, daily living skills, social and leisure skills, grooming and personal hygiene skills, meal preparation skills, and support resources; and/or medication education."

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Option 2

- The following definition is largely based on the definition of "rehabilitation counseling" in federal IDEA regulations (34 CFR §300.34(c)(12)). This definition differs from the Medi-Cal definition of "rehabilitation" by removing reference to certain service activities, such as improving grooming and personal hygiene skills and meal preparation skills.

"Rehabilitation counseling services" means services provided by qualified personnel in individual or group sessions that focus specifically on career development, employment preparation, achieving independence, and integration into the workplace and community of a student with a disability. The term also includes vocational rehabilitation services provided to a student with a disability by vocational rehabilitation programs funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 701 *et seq.*"

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Option 3

- The following definition defines "rehabilitation services" as mental health services that are rehabilitative in nature and specific to the restoration of functioning related to a pupil's ability to benefit from Special Education. This definition also differs from the Medi-Cal definition of "rehabilitation" (Option 1) by removing reference to certain service activities, such as improving grooming and personal hygiene skills and meal preparation skills.

"Rehabilitation Services" means mental health services appropriate for maximum reduction of mental health impairment impacting the pupil's ability to benefit from Special Education. Rehabilitation services may facilitate restoration of functioning consistent with requirements for learning and development, specifically related to the pupil's ability to benefit from Special Education. Rehabilitation services are complimentary, not duplicative, of Rehabilitation Counseling services, as defined in Section 300.34 (c)(12) of the Code of Federal Regulations, provided by the local education agency personnel or Department of Rehabilitation programs funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973."

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Option 4

- The following definition is similar to the definition of "rehabilitation services" in Option 3, but is more detailed in describing the scope and provision of services. This definition also differs from the Medi-Cal definition of "rehabilitation" (Option 1) by removing reference to certain service activities, such as improving grooming and personal hygiene skills and meal preparation skills.

"Rehabilitation Services" are supplemental mental health services provided to disabled students individually or in a group by a mental health professional, as defined by the community mental health agency. Services focus on personal independence and functioning, consistent with requirements for learning and development. Rehabilitation services include, but are not limited to, activities designed to improve, maintain, or restore a student's functional skills, and utilization of educational support resources to enable the student to benefit from Special Education. Rehabilitation services are complimentary, not duplicative, of rehabilitation services provided by the local education agency personnel or Department of Rehabilitation programs funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973."

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Other Options

- This is an opportunity to share any additional recommendations or other options not already discussed

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Conclusion

- Next steps:
 - Please submit any additional comments or feedback, in writing, by September 11, 2009 to the following email address: AB3632@dmh.ca.gov

- Thank you for your participation!!!

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