

California Code of Regulations
Title 9. Rehabilitative and Developmental Services
Division 1. Department of Mental Health
Chapter 11. Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

Article 2. Definitions, Abbreviations and Program Terms

(1) Adopt:

1810.207.5. County of Origin.

“County of Origin” for mental health services is the county in which the parent of the child or youth resides. If the child or youth is a ward or dependent of the court, an adoptee receiving adoption assistance, or a conservatee, the county of origin is the county where this status currently exists. For the purposes of this program the county of origin shall not change for children or youth who are between the ages of 18 and 22.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 7576, Government Code; and Section 5777.6, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Section 56331, Education Code; and Sections 14680 and 14684, Welfare and Institutions Code.

(2) Adopt:

1810.220.5. Host County.

“Host County” means the county where the child or youth is living when the child or youth is not living in the county of origin.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 7576, Government Code; and Section 5777.6, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Section 56331, Education Code; and Sections 14680 and 14684, Welfare and Institutions Code.

**Subchapter 3. Specialty Mental Health Services Other Than
Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services**

Article 2. Provision of Services

(3) Amend:

Section 1830.220. Authorization of Out-of-Plan Services.

(a) *NO CHANGE.*

(b) *NO CHANGE.*

(1) - (3) *NO CHANGE.*

(4) When there are no providers contracting with the MHP reasonably available to the beneficiary based on the MHP's evaluation of the needs of the beneficiary, the geographic availability of providers, and community standards for availability of providers in the county in which the beneficiary is placed and the beneficiary is placed out of county by:

(A) The Foster Care Program as described in Article 5 (commencing with Section 11400), Chapter 2, Part 3, Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Adoption Assistance Program as described in Chapter 2.1 (commencing with Section 16115), Part 4, Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or other foster care arrangement.

(1) If the beneficiary is a child or youth of either the Foster Care Program or the Adoption Assistance Program and is placed outside his/her county of origin, the MHP of the county of origin must make an authorization decision and notify the host county of that decision within three-working days following the date of receipt of the request for service by the MHP of origin. If the MHP of the county of origin documents a need for additional information to evaluate the beneficiary's need for the service, an extension may be granted up to three-working days from the date the additional information is received, or 14 calendar days, whichever is less.

(2) Within 30 days of the date of authorization of service, the MHP of the county of origin shall arrange for reimbursement for the service provided to the child or youth through the host county.

(3) If there is a disagreement between the MHP of the county of origin and the MHP of the host county, the MHP shall resolve their difference through the arbitration process provided in Section 1850.405.

(B) *NO CHANGE.*

Note: Authority cited: Section 14680, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 5777, 5777.6, 11400, 14684, and 16115, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Section 438.210 of Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations.