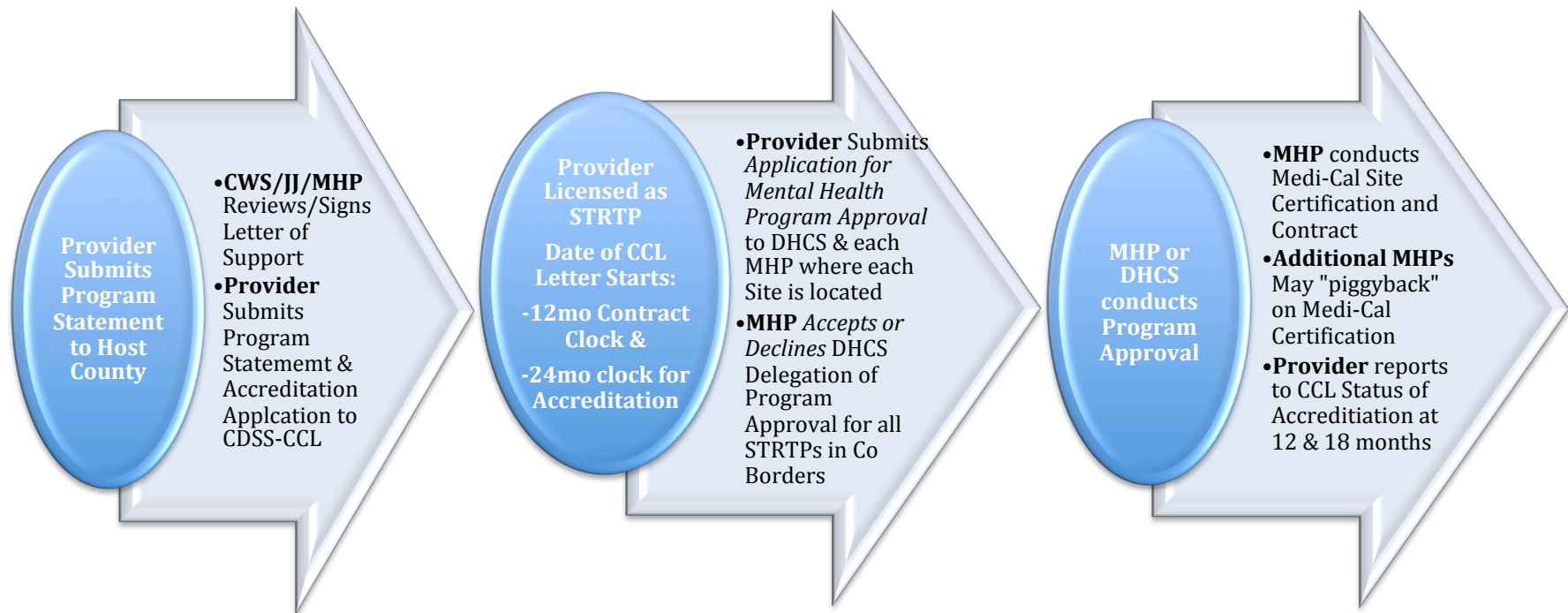


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Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program Interim Licensing Standards (STRTP ILS)

- Link to the Handbook and Program Statement is [Here](#)
- Link to the Review Tool is [here](#).

MHSUDS Information Notice: Statewide Criteria for Mental Health Program Approval of Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP).

- Link to [17-016](#)
- Link to [Enclosure 1](#)
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Delegation of Responsibility by DHCS to County Mental Health:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) administers California's Medicaid (Medi-Cal) program. The Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) program is "carved-out" of the broader Medi-Cal program and operates under the authority of a waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under Section 1915(b) of the Social Security Act. As the single state Medicaid agency, DHCS has been responsible for administering the Medi-Cal SMHS Waiver Program, which provides SMHS to Medi-Cal beneficiaries through County Mental Health Plans (MHPs) since 1995.

- DHCS *delegated the provision of SMHS to the counties*, which the counties accepted, making the county mental health department a Mental Health Plan (MHP), notwithstanding their other mental health service responsibilities. This delegation is a standing part of their contract.
- DHCS later *delegated the Medi-Cal Certification of all Programs not operated by the County MHP*, which all the MHPs accepted. This delegation is a standing part of their contract.

STRTP Program Approval—with the advent of STRTPs, DHCS holds the responsibility to conduct the Program Approval.

- DHCS has delegated the Program Approval to the counties (*DHCS Information Notice pending*).
- *This is a new delegation, and each county MHP will determine whether they will accept that delegation.*

Medi-Cal Certification and "Piggybacking":

- Each Mental Health plan (MHP) must conduct a Medi-Cal Certification for each of their Organizational Provider's program sites that Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) has contracted with to provide SMHS.
- The Medi-Cal Certification (*see MHSUDS IN 17-016 and Enclosure 1*) has specific requirements, and includes a review of documents including Policy and Procedures, Fire Clearance, etc., and a Site Visit to ensure all requirements are met.
- Because of the extensive nature of the Medi-Cal Certification process, DHCS allows MHPs to work off of the 1st or "host" county's site visit approval/certification, which has been *lovingly* referred to as "***piggybacking***".

Provider must pursue:

- Program Approval
- Medi-Cal Certification, which includes:
 - NPI Agency number for STRTP site & NPI Employee number for each employee providing SMHS billing Medi-Cal
- Medi-Cal Contract as an Organizational Provider for MHP

Time Frame for Process:

- Could take 3-6 months from start to finish—for those with an existing contract to gain contract update & renewal
- Could take at least 6 months, maybe 12, if entity is new to Medi-Cal Contracting as an Organizational Provider