

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



October 7, 2020

Sevet Johnson, PsyD, Director Ventura County Behavioral Health Department 1911 Williams Drive, Suite 200 Oxnard, CA 93036

Dear Dr Johnson:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) determined that Ventura County Mental Health Plan's (MHP's) Alternative Access Standards (AAS) Request is approved. The basis for this approval is Telehealth Services are being administered within the County. Ventura County MHP was approved for the following areas:

- Time and Distance: Adult Psychiatry- 93225, 93252
- Time and Distance: Child/Youth Psychiatry- 93225, 93252

Upon this notification from DHCS, Ventura County MHP's approved AAS request will be valid for State Fiscal Year 2020-2021. DHCS will monitor beneficiary access to the service type covered by the alternative access standard on an on-going basis and report DHCS's findings to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. DHCS will post Ventura County MHP's approved alternative access standards on its website.

Please contact MHSDFinalRule@dhcs.ca.gov if you have any questions about this notice.

Sincerely,

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Chief,

Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Division

Department of Health Care Services

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cc: Michael Powers, County Executive Officer