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I am sending this email on behalf of Vanessa Baird, Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits & Eligibility.

Last week the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) distributed the draft transition plan for the transfer of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to DHCS. (Besides sending this to your email addresses, we have also placed it on the department's website.) We asked for your input or comments by August 25/26. Some of you asked for additional time, so we are extending the due date to Friday, September 2. We hope this will make it easier for you to respond to our request. Please send your comments to DHCSMHMEDI-CALTRANSFER@DHCS.CA.GOV

By changing this due date, we must also change some other dates. Instead of targeting September 6 for DHCS to get the final draft of the transition plan to you, we are now targeting September 13. Also, rather than having the next stakeholder meeting on September 13, we are attempting to find a location to have it on September 19; please save the tentative date (details to come).

Thank you so much for the help that you have given to us thus far!

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