


MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 25, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #5(b)(2)(M) – AB 470 (Arambula) Medi-Cal: Specialty Mental Health Services: Performance Outcome Dashboard

Background:

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to develop a performance outcome system for specialty mental health services provided to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This bill would also require DHCS, in collaboration with the California Health and Human Services Agency, to create a plan for a performance outcome system for specialty mental health services and would require DHCS to convene a stakeholder advisory committee to help create a plan for a performance outcomes system for specialty mental health services. Additionally, the bill would require the department to consider specified objectives, such as high-quality, trauma-informed and accessible specialty mental health services for eligible adults. Lastly, the bill would require DHCS to provide quarterly updates on the performance outcome system post those updates on DHCS's web site.

Location: Senate Committee on Appropriations

Status: 6/22/2017 Re-referred to Committee on Appropriations

Votes: 6/21/2017 Senate Health (9-0-0)
 5/31/2017 Assembly Floor (72-5-3)
 5/26/2017 Assembly Committee on Appropriations (14-3-0)
 4/4/2017 Assembly Committee on Health (14-1-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 470 (Arambula) for potential impacts on statewide access to mental health services and reductions in mental health disparities for vulnerable consumers.