

SAN MATEO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

DATE: January 13, 1998

MENTAL HEALTH POLICY NO.: MH 98-03

SUBJECT: Provider Contracts

AUTHORITY: Divisional

SUPERSEDES: Renumbering of Mental Health Plan Policy No. 95-01

PURPOSE

To affirm that the Mental Health Managed Care Plan has a primary obligation and desire to contract preferentially with San Mateo County providers of mental health services.

PROTOCOL

The Mental Health Plan will demonstrate ongoing efforts to seek out and enroll San Mateo County practitioners and organizations as plan providers.

Contract opportunities will be offered as a first priority to clinicians and organizations practicing within San Mateo County.

Only when there are insufficient resources within the county to meet documented member needs will contracts be established with providers outside of the county.

Circumstances that may require contracting outside of the county include, but are not limited to, unmet needs for specific cultural expertise or language capability, geographic access and specialized clinical needs.

Approved: _____
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