



April 25, 2008

**Intent to dedicate funds to the local Mental Health Services Act Prudent Reserve
Implementation of the Mental Health Services Act, Welfare and Institutions Code
(WIC) Section 5847 (a)(7)**

All California counties that receive funding under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) are required to dedicate Community Services & Supports funding (CSS) to a local prudent reserve pursuant to the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5847(a)(7).

Pursuant to WIC Section 5847(a)(7), each County is required to submit a Three-year Program and Expenditure Plan and update that includes the establishment and maintenance of a prudent reserve for the CSS Component. The prudent reserve is necessary so that the County can continue to serve children, adults and seniors during years in which revenues for the Mental Health Services Fund are insufficient. Each County should establish the prudent reserve at the local level. The prudent reserve should be funded at 50 percent of the most recent annual approved CSS funding by July 1, 2010, unless the County would have to reduce MHSA services below the funding level funded by FY 2007-08 in order to reach the 50 percent prudent reserve.

In Contra Costa County the most recent approved CSS Funding is for the 2007-08 fiscal year, \$7,624,300. Contra Costa Mental Health will dedicate \$3,812,150 to the prudent reserve. This includes \$581,128 in funds from the 2005-06 fiscal year and \$108 from the 2006-07 fiscal year that were held back.

This notice is posted for a 30-day review and comment period. No public hearing is required. Any written comment must be received by May 27, 2008 by 5:00 pm. Written comments should be sent to:

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Reference: <http://www.dmh.cahwnet.gov/DMHDocs/docs/notices08/08-01.pdf>