

MEDI-CAL MENTAL HEALTH ENTITLEMENT!!!

Did you know that there is an entitlement to mental health services in California? It's true. It's been true since the Medi-Cal program started in 1966. Children, adults and older adults who qualify for Medi-Cal are entitled to needed services. Federal and state laws mandate it.

Medi-Cal mental health services expanded greatly with the adoption of targeted case management in 1991 and rehabilitative mental health services in 1993. These services can be provided in a variety of community settings and at home if necessary. Each county must provide all covered services including the following:

- Targeted Case Management (aid to access housing, supports, work)
- Mental Health Services (counseling, assessment, service plan development)
- Rehabilitation (individualized assistance with recovery goals)
- Crisis Intervention, Stabilization, & Residential Services (including at home)
- Transitional Residential Programs (up to 18 months)
- Medication Support Services (including informed consent and plan development)

- ♣ *If you are a consumer, you have a right to services based on your goals. All services must be provided in accordance with a service plan that you should sign, and receive a copy of.*
- ♣ *If you are a family member, you are encouraged to participate with your loved one.*
- ♣ *If you are a provider, you can support a beneficiary to receive desired services.*
- ♣ *If you are an advocate, you can assist a client in appealing the denial of a service.*

Call Disability Rights California
at 800-776-5746
for more information.



Federal law requires that all services be provided with reasonable promptness. Waiting lists due to program funding limitations are illegal.