



**San Francisco  
Department of Public Health**

**DHRPSC0001757: Behavioral Health Services in  
Locked/Secured Sub-Acute Facilities**

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**Civil Service Commission**

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## PSC REQUEST OVERVIEW: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SUB-ACUTE FACILITIES

- **Scope of Services:** The contractors provide intensive, 24-hour therapeutic care to adults who have serious mental illnesses and are on Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) conservatorships at secured sub-acute care facilities, including Skilled Nursing Facilities and Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers, to prevent institutionalization and promote rehabilitation.
- **Need of Services:** LPS conservatees who require acute care (e.g., psychiatric inpatient services) still need continuous treatment at lower levels of care. Consequently, they require placement in sub-acute facilities to satisfy the legal criteria of being gravely disabled.
- **Service Delivery Locations:** Most facilities are located in the Bay Area.
- **Service Delivery Timeline:** July 1, 2026, the date the two new SNF contracts start.
- **Clients to be Served:** Adult individuals on LPS conservatorship who require involuntary treatment at sub-acute facilities.
- **Background and Service History:**
  - California pioneered a transition away from massive state hospitals following the passage of the LPS Act of 1968. The LPS Act established strict due process safeguards for involuntary commitment and shifted the burden of care to local counties.
  - Psychiatric sub-acute services (MHRCs and SNFs) in California were developed to bridge the gap between acute hospitalization and community living.

## WHY THIS PSC SUPPORTS DPH'S MISSION

- **Why Contracting is the Right Tool for This Need:** Contracting out this service widens placement options at sub-acute facilities, improving access to continuous involuntary commitment and rehabilitation for LPS conservatees post-hospitalization.
- **How This Supports DPH Programs:** Transitioning patients to lower-acuity care at the right time optimizes bed flow, reduces hospital bottlenecks, decreases healthcare costs, and matches clients with appropriate care levels, thereby increasing health equity for San Francisco residents
- **PSC Amount:**
  - Total PSC cumulative amount requested: \$386,827,830
  - Total increase requested with this PSC modification #3: \$162,610,830
- **PSC Duration:**
  - Total PSC cumulative duration requested: 156 months
  - Total increase requested with this PSC modification #3: 28 months



**THANK YOU**

