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With the November 2004 national election, California passed the Mental Health Services Act. Also known as Proposition 63, the Act provides funding to counties to expand and develop innovative, integrated mental health services for children, adults, and seniors. The initiative funds expanded mental health services with a surcharge of 1% on the portion of a taxpayer's taxable income that exceeds \$1 million.

The Act requires that "services be part of the children's system of care" (Sec. 5, article 11) and that these services: (a) are available to children not covered by other public or private insurance programs; (b) prevent children from out-of-home placements; (c) are developed in partnership with youth and their families; (d) are provided to transition-age youth (16-25 years); and (e) are culturally competent and individualized for each child and family. The initiative also provides funding to reduce stigma; increase the quality of services; expand prevention and early intervention programs; expand research on wraparound, fund existing wraparound programs; and fund other innovative programs designed to increase access to services.

The Act is available at: <http://www.cccmha.org/Initiative/03.08.25.pdf>

An analysis of the Act is available at: http://datatrends.fmhi.usf.edu/news_095a.pdf

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