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**Are there any updates on the Justice-Involved Initiative?**

At this time, ACBHD continues to work internally on an implementation plan, and there are no significant updates. For general information on the initiative please review this [DHCS Fact Sheet.](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Documents/CalAIM-JI-a11y.pdf)

**What types of case management activities are billable?**

The most current [DHCS Billing Manual](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/SMHS-Billing-Manual-May-2024.pdf) is the best resource for understanding the range of services considered billable case management activities. They include assisting the beneficiary with accessing medical, educational, and social services, coordinating referrals, and coordinating placement, among other activities.

**Can documentation time still be billed to ACBHD for Fiscal Year 24/25?**

Currently, there have been no changes to ACBHD’s approach to paying for documentation time. Providers should continue to include documentation and travel time on claims and will receive a monthly report from ACBHD that can be used to bill the County for documentation and travel time.

**Under what circumstances are co-signatures required?**

Please refer to the updated [ACBHD Specialty Mental Health Services Scope of Practice Guidelines](https://bhcsproviders.acgov.org/providers/QA/docs/qa_manual/12-3_ACBHD_Guidelines_for_Scope_of_Practice(MH)_rev5-17-24.pdf) to determine signature requirements and recommendations based on service and license type and status.

**Clinical Trainee Policy**

In the September 13, 2024 Brown Bag meeting, the [Clinical Trainee Policy](https://bhcsproviders.acgov.org/providers/PP/1603-3-3_ACBHD_Clinical_Trainee_Policy.pdf) was shared. If you have Clinical Trainees practicing in your agency, please familiarize yourself with the new policy and submit any questions to [QATA@acgov.org](mailto:QATA@acgov.org).