



CYASOC Provider Collaborative Meeting

Systemwide Transition to Fee-for-Service (FFS) for School Based Behavioral Health (SBBH)

April 19, 2023



Overview

- **California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Behavioral Health Payment Reform**
- **Planned Transition to Fee-for-Service for School Based Behavioral Health**
 - Fiscal Year (FY) 23-24 Information Only Rates
- **Questions**

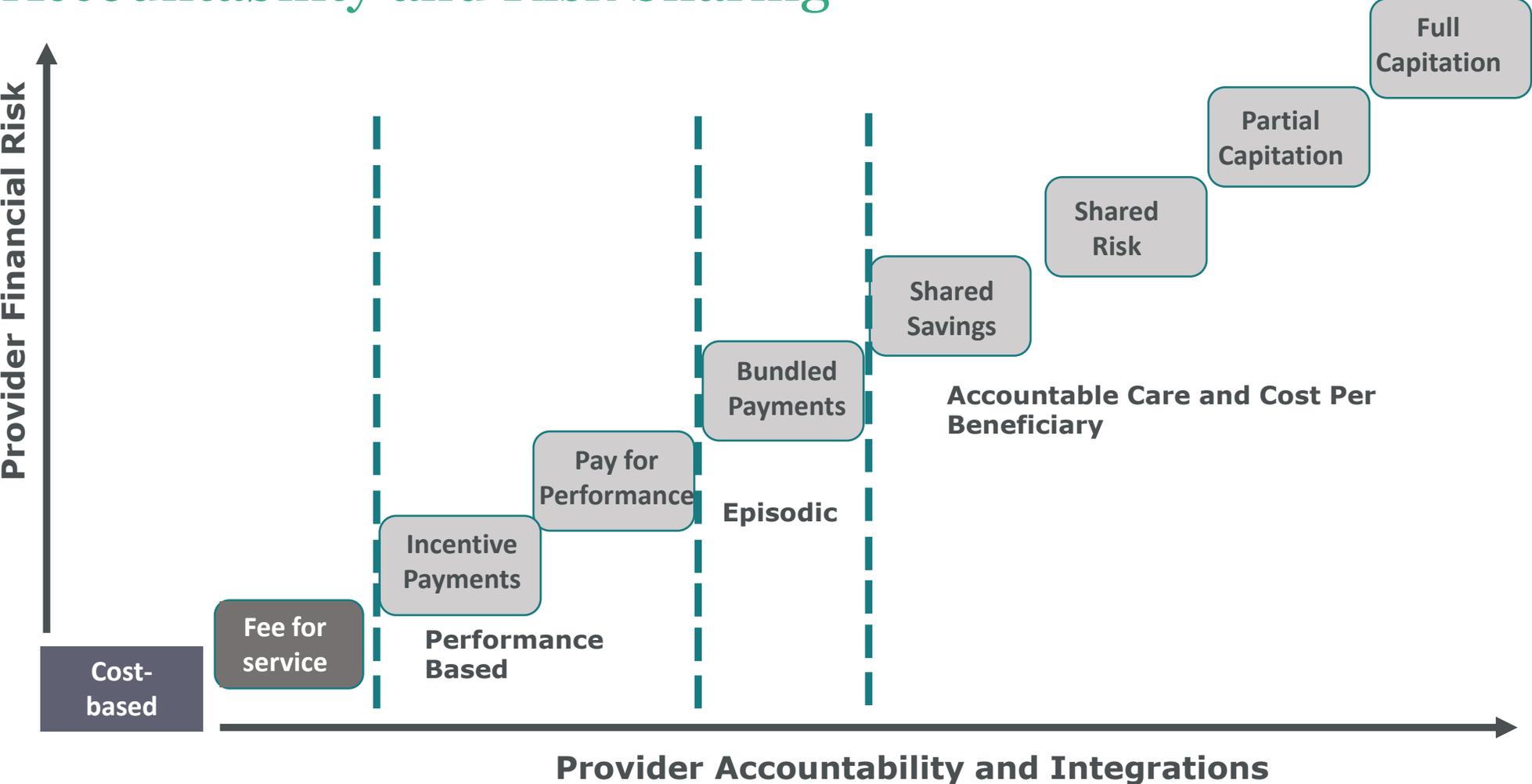
CaAIM Behavioral Health Payment Reform Overview

CaAIM – Behavioral Health Payment Reform

- **Timeline.** July 2023
 1. Transition from Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II coding to Level I or Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)
 2. Move from cost-based reimbursement to a fee-for-service (FFS) methodology
 - First step toward value-based payments
 - The transition to FFS funded will eliminate the need for cost reporting/settlement
 3. Transition from certified public expenditures (CPEs) to intergovernmental transfers (IGTs)
 - There are financial risks to counties and providers and requires counties and their provider networks to transition their current practices
- The framework and lessons learned from implementing the Full Service Partnership (FSP) Pilot Provider Program will help inform the systemwide transition for Specialty Behavioral Health providers

CaAIM Behavioral Health Payment Reform

Accountability and Risk Sharing



Systemwide Transition to FFS for SBBH

Background

- The long-term advantage of shifting to FFS will be reduced administrative burden of cost reporting and reimbursement that is limited to costs
- Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) has spent the past five years piloting this transition with FSP pilot providers in preparation for this transition, including some child and youth providers
- To date, pilot efforts have informed how to best refine our provider contracting process towards systemwide implementation and strengthen Alameda County's delivery system for contracted mental health providers and beneficiaries

Questions



Systemwide Transition to FFS for SBBH

Overview

The transition for SBBH would be completed over a multi-year phased in approach*, initial steps proposed to start will be available FY 23-24 based on a defined schedule. SBBH providers would transition over a multi-year phased in approach:

- **Transition Year 1.** Grouping receives FFS rates for *informational purposes only* and still be paid their contracted rates
- **Transition Year 2.** *Planning in progress*
- **Transition Year 3.** Grouping receives *FFS rates by provider type* and would be paid those rates, completing the transition for that group

* Over the course of the systemwide implementation of FFS, the 3-year period may be condensed to remove the blended rate year based on further analysis and DHCS direction

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Transition Timeline

Transition of SBBH provider contracts with cost-based structures to an SBBH utilization-based payment model over a multi-year phased in approach.

<u>Year 1 = Information Only</u> <u>(FY 23-24)</u>	<u>Year 2 = Planning in Progress</u> <u>(FY 24-25)</u>	<u>Year 3 = Full FFS</u> <u>(FY 25-26 and Ongoing)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CalAIM Behavioral Health Payment Reform begins.• ACBH calculates FFS/info only rates by modality and shares with providers.• Soft transition.• Contracts are still settled to the lower of actual cost per unit or contracted rate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning for FY 24-25 rates is currently in progress. Additional details will be made at a later date.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACBH calculates FFS rates by provider type.

Start Date: July 1, 2023



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SBBH Rate Transition



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FY 23-24 Information Only Rates

Rate Category	CM	MHS	MED ¹	CI
SBBH FY 23-24 Info Only (All program sizes - 15)	\$142	\$246	\$ 344	\$332

1. Applicable to ACBH approved program

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FY 23-24 SBBH Information Only Approach

Overview: Sellers Dorsey utilized a similar methodology that ACBH approved in 2019-2022 for FSP pilot providers to calculate the information only rates for SBBH programs

Data Sources Used

- FY 21-22 cost report data for a subset of 15 programs recommended by ACBH

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FY 23-24 SBBH Information Only Approach

Approach

- Mirrored base rate methodology utilized for FSPs in FY 22-23
- Weighted average cost by modality for FY 21-22
- Analyzed various cost differences by the modalities (CM, MHS, MED, CS)
- No indicators included (e.g., program size) based on analysis

Questions



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Current Update and Next Steps

Current Status and Next Steps

- ACBH will share FY 23-24 information only rates

Questions





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thank you.