

Memo

Date: January 29, 2026

To: Alameda County Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Providers

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Cc: ACBHD Executive Leadership

Subject: ACBHD Training Plan to Become a Specialty Mental Health Services Early Intervention (SMHS EI) Provider

Purpose

This memo is to notify PEI providers who plan to transition to becoming SMHS EI providers that ACBHD will launch a training plan, designed to support providers with this transition.

Background

Due to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) transition to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) effective July 1, 2026, Alameda County Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD) has provided an opt-in opportunity for identified PEI Providers to transition to become Specialty Mental Health Service EI (SMHS EI) Providers. This will require compliance with all SMHS Medi-Cal regulations.

ACBHD Training Plan

ACBHD has developed a training plan to assist providers who have chosen to opt-in to this transition. The plan includes a series of training modules, followed by Question and Answer (Q&A) sessions to clarify the requirements and answer questions.

Below is a preliminary list of modules that are planned to be presented live and recorded. Presentation slides and recordings will be posted on the MHSA website under the [BHSA tab/Local Information](#) and [Quality Assurance Training page](#). As the training sessions are scheduled, providers will receive email communication with details.

- Module 1: MHSA to BHSA Transition: Becoming a Medi-Cal Provider
- Module 2: SMHS Medi-Cal Documentation Requirements
- Module 3: SMHS EI Program Funding & Revenue Structure
- Module 4: Service Procedure Codes (e.g. CPT)

The first module, *MHSA to BHSA Transition: Becoming a Medi-Cal Provider*, is scheduled for early February and includes the following topics:

- Overview of Changes
- Transition Opportunity
- Early Intervention Model
- Pathways to Services and Treatment Continuum
- SMHS Treatment Services and Supports
- SMHS Provider Types and Scope of Practice

Please register for this training and the Question and Answer session using the links below.

Provider training

MHSA to BHSA Transition: Becoming a Medi-Cal Provider

Monday February 9, 2026

1:00-2:00 PM

This training will also be recorded

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4764203027836287829>

Q&A for MHSA to BHSA Transition: Becoming a Medi-Cal Provider

Tuesday February 10, 2026

1:00-2:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7003754281988142679>

Action Required

Please notify your teams regarding the ACBHD training plan and register for the upcoming training sessions, as appropriate. Additionally, please keep an eye on your email. **As training modules are scheduled, the training details and registration information will be shared via email.**

For questions regarding this memo, please contact QATA@acgov.org.

For questions regarding the BHSA transition, please contact BHSAtransition@acgov.org.