

- MEMORANDUM -

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TO: All Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) Fee for Service (FFS) Staff

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SUBJECT: **CalAIM Resources and Training Requirements for Fee for Service (FFS) Providers**

This memorandum announces availability of a number of resources related to the recent California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiatives and training requirements for Medi-Cal Fee for Service providers.

Training Requirements

CalMHSA has developed a number of training videos that are available to providers and meet the DHCS training requirements.

In consideration of the unique needs of FFS providers, ACBH has modified the training requirements that were originally communicated in a memo on June 30, 2022 for FFS providers. The new requirements include review of the training titled **CalAIM Overview** by **July 31, 2022**. This is a one-time training and takes approximately 40 minutes to complete. This training is available on the [CalMHSA Learning Management](#) page and can be accessed once an individual account is created.

The CalMHSA Learning Management page includes a number of other helpful training videos that provide more details related to the CalAIM changes. Review of these training videos is strongly recommended for FFS providers.

Resources

The following additional resources are available:

- Documentation Manuals: [California Mental Health Services Authority | CalAIM \(calmhsa.org\)](#)
- Communication Materials for Staff: [Staff-CalAIM-Communication-Materials-06212022.pdf \(calmhsa.org\)](#)
- Communication Materials for People in Care: [Beneficiary-CalAIM-Communication-Materials-7.15.22-v2.pdf \(calmhsa.org\)](#)
- Communication Material for People in Care (Spanish): [Beneficiary-CalAIM-Communication-Materials-7.6.22-Spanish-v1.pdf \(calmhsa.org\)](#)
- ACBH CalAIM Town Hall Recording: [BHCS Providers Website \(acbhc.org\)](#)
- ACBH CalAIM Frequently Asked Questions (Section 19): [BHCS Providers Website \(acbhc.org\)](#)

Please review these resources in order to gain a better understanding of how the CalAIM changes impact you. Additional training requirements may be communicated by ACBH at a later date.

About CalAIM

CalAIM is a California initiative led by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) that aims to provide broad delivery system, program, and payment reform across the Medi-Cal system. The goal of the initiative is to transform the Medi-Cal delivery system, moving it towards a population health approach that prioritizes prevention and whole person care. The vision is to “meet people where they are in life, address social drivers of health and break down the walls of health care.”





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Since December 2021, DHCS has published a number of Behavioral Health Information Notices, outlining specific changes to Medi-Cal requirements based on the CalAIM initiative. The following is an overview of the policy changes as well as the expected Go-Live dates for each.

Policy	Go-Live Date
Criteria for Specialty Mental Health Services	January 2022
Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System 2022-2026	January 2022
Drug Medi-Cal ASAM Level of Care Determination	January 2022
Updated Annual Review Protocol and Reasons for Recoupment FY 2021-2022	January 2022
Documentation Redesign for Substance Use Disorder & Specialty Mental Health Services	July 2022
Co-Occurring Treatment	July 2022
No Wrong Door	July 2022
Updated Annual Review Protocol and Reasons for Recoupment FY 2022-2023	October 2022
Standardized Screening & Transition Tools	January 2023
Behavioral Health CPT Coding Transition	July 2023
County Behavioral Health Plans Transition to Fee-for-Service and Intergovernmental Transfers	July 2023
Administrative Behavioral Health Integration	January 2027

California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is a Joint Powers of Authority that provides administrative and fiscal services in support of Behavioral Health Departments. CalMHSA, on behalf of the counties, has assumed scopes of work to support the statewide implementation of CalAIM behavioral health initiatives. CalMHSA's scope of work includes development of required Policies and Procedures, Communication Plans and Materials, Documentation Guides, and Web-based Training Videos. Alameda County has adopted and intends to continue utilizing the resources developed by CalMHSA to support the roll out of the CalAIM initiative.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at QATA@acgov.org.



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