

- MEMORANDUM -

DATE: January 25, 2022
TO: All ACBH Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) Providers
FROM: Torfeh Rejali, Quality Assurance (QA) Administrator *Torfeh Rejali*
SUBJECT: **Criteria for Beneficiary Access to Specialty Mental Health Services PowerPoint Presentation**

This memorandum announces the publication and release of training materials as presented via PowerPoint in the Mental Health Brown Bag meeting on January 14, 2022.

Background:

As communicated in the Mental Health Brown Bag meeting and in a previously released memorandum, California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) initiative 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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On December 10, 2021, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released [BHIN 21-073](#), providing additional details related to updated access criteria, effective January 1, 2022. On January 14, 2022, ACBH presented a PowerPoint summarizing and explaining these changes. ACBH is now making the presentation accessible to all of our community partners and invites you to refer to it as an implementation and training resource. We understand that the breadth of changes opens up many questions and as such an FAQ document is forthcoming. This document will be initially published and regularly revised by ACBH as questions arise.

We will continue to review changes resulting from the CalAIM initiatives during monthly Brown Bag meetings and welcome questions and opportunities for clarification of these significant changes. **Brown Bags are scheduled every other Friday from 12pm-1pm. The next Brown Bag meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2022.** If you do not have the meeting already on your calendar, below is the link and call-in information:

Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/173324541>

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This memo is informational only and does not contain any required actions.

For questions, please contact QATA@acgov.org.

