

- **MEMORANDUM** -

DATE: February 9, 2022  
TO: All ACBH Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) Providers  
FROM: Torfeh Rejali, Quality Assurance (QA) Administrator *Torfeh Rejali*  
SUBJECT: **Specialty Mental Health Services Cal-AIM and General FAQ Documents**

This memorandum announces the publication and release of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document related to recent Cal-AIM changes.

**Background:**

As communicated in the Mental Health Brown Bag meeting series and in previously released memorandums, 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.”

**Specialty Mental Health Services Cal-AIM FAQ Document**

In a recent memorandum, ACBH expressed understanding that the breadth of changes within the Cal-AIM initiative opens up many questions and as such we promised a forthcoming FAQ document to address our community partners’ questions. ACBH is pleased to announce that the Cal-AIM FAQ document is complete and will be published and regularly revised by ACBH as questions arise. We invite you to refer to the FAQ document as an implementation resource. Please anticipate multiple revisions to this document throughout the 2022 calendar year and beyond as Cal-AIM changes continue to impact guidelines and providers continue to submit questions. ACBH is publishing these documents as of February 2022 with the best and most current information we have.

We will continue to review new information during monthly Brown Bag meetings and welcome questions and opportunities for clarification of the many significant changes. Brown Bags are scheduled every other Friday from 12pm-1pm. **The next Brown Bag meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 10, 2022, from 12:00pm-1:00pm.** The regularly scheduled meeting time was changed from Friday, February 11 to Thursday, February 10 to accommodate the observance of President’s Day. 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>

United States (Toll Free): 1 877 309 2073; United States: +1 (646) 749-3129  
Access Code: 173-324-541

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to seeing you at the next Brown Bag meeting.

For questions, please contact [QATA@acgov.org](mailto:QATA@acgov.org).

