

- MEMORANDUM -

DATE: May 11, 2023
TO: Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) Contracted Providers
FROM: Torfeh Rejali, Quality Assurance (QA) Administrator *Torfeh Rejali*
SUBJECT: **CPT Code Training and Preliminary List of CPT Codes in SmartCare**

This memorandum is to make providers aware of an upcoming CPT Code training and provide them with a preliminary list of CPT Codes that will be programmed in SmartCare.

Background

Beginning July 1, 2023, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) California Advancing, and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Payment Reform initiative will change the way county behavioral health plans claim and obtain federal reimbursement. The initiative consists of three different transitions: Reimbursement Structure, Financing Mechanism and Provider Billing.

Changes related to Provider Billing involve transitioning from the use of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPC) codes to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes. **Note:** HCPC codes will continue to be used for non-clinical services and services provided by non-licensed staff.

Additionally, on July 1, 2023, ACBH will begin utilizing SmartCare as its new billing system, replacing InSyst and eCURA.

Preliminary List of CPT Codes in SmartCare

The following two spreadsheets contain lists of preliminary CPT Codes in SmartCare:

- [Preliminary DMC-ODS CPT Codes in SmartCare](#)
- [Preliminary SMHS CPT Codes in SmartCare](#)

These lists were created based on the information that is currently available in the latest versions of the DHCS Billing Manuals. DHCS continues to update these manuals and ACBH will make changes to these preliminary codes as needed based on updated information.

CPT Code Training

The ACBH Quality Assurance office will be offering a provider training focused on the transition to CPT Codes. The training will be recorded for those who cannot attend live. Registration is required.

Transition to CPT Codes Training
Wednesday May 24, 2023
2:00-4:00 P.M.

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2651183549727782235>



Other Resources

CalMHSA's Recorded Training Programs:

- CPT Code 101- Introduction to CPT Codes
- CPT Code 102- Optimization of CPT Codes for Majority of Behavioral Health Services

Presentation slides and recorded trainings are available on the [CalMHSA Payment Reform Webinar Page](#).

CalMHSA's CPT Code Reference Guides:

- CalAIM Reference Guide for CPT Codes- Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS)
- CalAIM Reference Guide for CPT Codes- Drug Medical Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS)

These Reference Guides were created using the DHCS Billing Manuals. They include multiple tabs, listing SMHS and DMC-ODS services and corresponding procedure codes pre and post July 2023. Additionally, they include other critical information such as allowable disciplines, modifiers and Add-on codes, place of service, lockouts, etc. on the "CalAIM Manual Extract" tab. The Guides can be accessed on the [CalMHSA CalAIM Reference and Manuals](#) website.

DHCS Billing Manuals Effective July 1, 2023:

- Specialty Mental Health Medi-Cal Billing Manual (Revised 4/2023)
- Drug Medi-Cal ODS- Medi-Cal Billing Manual (Revised 1/2023)

These manuals provide a detailed description of the processes and rules relative to Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) claims processing and are posted on the DHCS [County Claims Customer Service Library](#) in the section titled "CalAIM References and Manuals Effective July 1, 2023".

American Medical Association (AMA) CPT Codebook:

- AMA/CPT site: <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/need-coding-resources>.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document:

ACBH issued a *SmartCare Billing System Implementation and Billing Reform FAQ* that contains responses to frequently asked questions from ACBH providers related to changes to reimbursement structure, CPT codes and the SmartCare billing system. The document is in Section 19 of the [QA Manual](#) on the ACBH provider website.

Action Steps

Please share this information within your teams, as appropriate.

For questions, please contact QATA@acgov.org.

