


**- MEMORANDUM -**

DATE: June 1, 2023  
TO: Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) Contracted Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Service Organizations, and Fee for Service Providers  
FROM: Torfeh Rejali, Quality Assurance (QA) Administrator   
SUBJECT: **CalMHSA CPT Coding Training Modules**

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The purpose of this memo is to notify providers of new CPT Coding for Direct Service Providers training modules that were created by CalMHSA and are available on their Learning Management website.

**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.

**CalMHSA Training Programs**

California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) has been supporting counties with the CalAIM initiative in various ways, including development of self-paced training modules.

In addition to the recorded training programs that were previously posted on the [CalMHSA Payment Reform Webinar Page](#), CalMHSA has recently published the *CPT Coding for Direct Service Providers* trainings for SMHS and DMC-ODS. These two new training modules are posted on CalMHSA's [Learning Management Systems \(LMS\)](#) page, located under the heading "CalAIM Training". These trainings will be included in the CalMHSA LMS training dashboard so that providers and counties can track attendance of both internal and external/contract provider staff.

You can find instructions for accessing CalMHSA's LMS at the following link:

<https://www.calmhsa.org/calaim-2/>.

**Action Required**

Please share this resource with your team and encourage completion of these training modules, as appropriate.





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## Resources

ACBH's QA team continues to offer opportunities for quality improvement, including QA Technical Assistance, regular Brown Bag meetings and training opportunities throughout the year. Providers are encouraged to take advantage of these resources to ensure compliance with Medi-Cal and County quality requirements.

Links to Brown Bag meetings and other events can be found on the [QA Training](#) page of the ACBH Provider website.

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



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