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TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services  
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators  
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.  
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs  
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals  
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies  
California Hospital Association  
California Opioid Maintenance Providers  
California State Association of Counties  
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations  
County Behavioral Health Directors  
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California  
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Peer Support Service Function Code

PURPOSE: This letter provides guidance on reporting Peer Support Services on the Specialty Mental Health Cost Report.

REFERENCE: [Behavioral Health Information Notice \(BHIN\) 22-026](#)

BACKGROUND:

On May 6, 2022, DHCS issued [BHIN 22-026](#), detailing Peer Support Services. Effective July 1, 2022, counties that opt-in will be able to implement Peer Support Services within the SMHS delivery system.

Counties and contract providers currently submit annual cost reports to the Department of Health Care Services by December 31<sup>st</sup> following the close of the fiscal year. The cost report captures units of service and costs for each specialty mental health service by mode and service function. BHIN 22-026 did not specify which mode and service function counties and contract providers must use when reporting units of service and costs for Peer Support Services.

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**POLICY:**

When reporting units of service and costs for Peer Support Services on the SMHS Cost Report, use Mode 15, Service Function 01.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Brian Fitzgerald, Chief  
Local Governmental Financing Division