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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: Technical Documents to Implement CalAIM

PURPOSE: To provide guidance to Mental Health Plans (MHPs), DMC Counties, and DMC-ODS Counties on claiming for services after the Department implements successor payment methodology.

REFERENCE: Welfare & Institutions Code Sections 14184.102, 14184.400, 14184.401, 14184.402, 14184.403, 14184.404, 14184.405

Background:

In 2021, Article 5.51 titled the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Act was added to the Welfare and Institutions Code. In response to Section 14184.102(h) of the CalAIM Act, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will transition from a cost-based reimbursement process to a fee-based schedule; and transition from Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes to a combination of HCPCS and Common Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. To support this transition, DHCS has issued the following technical documents to allow the counties to claim properly for behavioral health services they provide.

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Please note that as these documents are expected to change periodically, the below are links.

Specialty Mental Health Billing Manual

This manual is to be used by MHPs that are submitting claims to the Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SDMC) claims processing system. The manual is updated periodically. The current version of the billing manual is posted on the [MEDCCC Library](#). The revisions will be in track changes.

Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) and DMC Organized Delivery System (ODS) Billing Manual

These manuals are to be used by DMC and DMC-ODS counties and direct providers submitting claims to the SD/MC claims processing system. The manual is updated periodically. The current version of the billing manual will be posted on the [MEDCCC Library](#) under References and Manuals. The revisions will be in track changes.

Mental Health Service Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Companion Guide

This Companion Guide provides the additions and/or exceptions to the submissions of EDI Health Care Claim Transaction Set (837) and the EDI Health Care Claim Payment/Advice Transaction Set (835) for speciality mental health services. The Mental Health Service Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Companion Guide is posted to the [DHCS Portal](#). The path to the Companion Guide is as follows: DHCS-BHIS -> Production -> SDMC -> SystemDocumentation -> CompanionGuides.

Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Phase II Drug Medi-Cal Companion Guide

This Companion Guide provides the additions and/or exceptions to submissions of the EDI Health Care Claim Transaction Set (837) and the EDI Health Care Claim Payment/Advice Transaction Set (835) for Drug Medi-Cal-State Plan and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System services. The Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Phase II Drug Medi-Cal Companion Guide is posted to the [DHCS Portal](#). The path to the Companion Guide is as follows: DHCS-BHIS -> Production -> SDMC -> SystemDocumentation -> CompanionGuides.

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Coding Crosswalk

This Crosswalk compares the previously used Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) system in use today. Once it is finished, DHCS will post the Coding Crosswalk to the [MedCCC Library](#) under References and Manuals.

For questions regarding this BHIN, please contact MEDCCC@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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