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Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program APL 23-035

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to the Medi-Cal line of business to provide guidance on the incentive payments provided by the Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP).

What you need to know:

This notification is based on an All-Plan Letter (APL) 23-035, which can be found in full on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2023/APL23-035.pdf>

BACKGROUND

SBHIP goals and metrics are associated with Targeted Interventions that increase access to preventive, early intervention, and behavioral health services by school-affiliated behavioral health providers for Transitional Kindergarten through 12th grade (TK-12) children in public schools.

The objectives of SBHIP are to:

- Break down silos and improve coordination of child and adolescent student behavioral health services through increased communication with schools, school-affiliated programs, managed care providers, counties, and mental health providers.
- Increase the number of TK-12 students enrolled in Medi-Cal receiving behavioral health services through schools, school-affiliated providers, County Behavioral Health Departments, and County Offices of Education (COEs).
- Increase non-specialty services on or near school campuses.
- Address health equity gaps, inequalities, and disparities in access to behavioral health services.

When this is happening:

The program will span three Program Years (PYs):

- PY 1: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022
- PY 2: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023
- PY 3: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

POLICY:

MHC must comply with the policy requirements to earn incentive payments for submitting deliverables and meeting predefined goals and metrics.

Participation

Participation in this incentive program is voluntary, but strongly encouraged.

Incentive Payments

DHCS is allocating \$389 million in SBHIP incentive payments over a three-year period (January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024). SBHIP incentive payments are divided between two funding allocations: Needs Assessment allocations and Targeted Intervention allocations.

MHC may earn incentive payments for submitting required deliverables and for meeting predefined goals and metrics.

The SBHIP Overview and Requirements Document, which contains additional details of SBHIP deliverables, and deliverable templates are available on the DHCS website.

Requirements for Targeted Intervention Funds

MHC is required to implement a minimum number of Targeted Interventions, dependent upon their county's Targeted Intervention allocation.



Targeted Interventions

MHC may select from 14 SBHIP Targeted Intervention categories. The 14 categories are listed below, and additional details are available in the SBHIP Overview and Requirements document posted on the SBHIP website.

1. Behavioral Health Wellness Programs
2. Telehealth Infrastructure to Enable Services and/or Access to Technological Equipment
3. Behavioral Health Screenings and Referrals
4. Suicide Prevention Strategies
5. Substance Use Disorder
6. Building Stronger Partnerships to Increase Access to Medi-Cal Services
7. Culturally Appropriate and Targeted Populations
8. Behavioral Health Public Dashboards and Reporting
9. Technical Assistance Support for Contracts
10. Expand Behavioral Health Workforce
11. Care Teams
12. Information Technology (IT) Enhancements for Behavioral Health Services
13. Pregnant Students and Teen Parents
14. Parenting and Family Services

Program Measurement

Performance in SBHIP is measured in two ways: Deliverable Scoring and Performance Outcome Metrics. Deliverable Scoring evaluates and scores four deliverables:

1. Needs Assessment
2. Project Plans (Milestone One)
3. Bi-Quarterly Reports
4. Project Outcome Reports (Milestone Two)

Deliverable Scoring

SBHIP has four comprehensive deliverables that will be evaluated and scored: (1) Needs Assessments, (2) Project Plans (3) Bi-Quarterly Reports, and (4) Project Outcome Reports

Performance Outcome Metrics

MHC will be required to select one of two Performance Outcome Metrics for each Targeted Intervention.

Performance Outcome Metrics include:

- Performance Outcome Metric #1: Increase access to behavioral health services (capacity, infrastructure, sustainability, behavioral health service) for Medi-Cal Members on or near campus
- Performance Outcome Metric #2: Increase access to behavioral health services (capacity, infrastructure, sustainability, behavioral health service) for Medi-Cal Members provided by school-affiliated behavioral health providers

What if you need assistance?

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