

February 22, 2023
 DPH-SAPC CAL-AIM PREPARATION
 PROVIDER PAYMENT REFORM MEETING
[PowerPoint Presentation](#) and [Video Recording](#)

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	How can providers access the slides from Payment Reform meetings?	<p>All Provider Meeting materials Presentations, Videos, FAQ's are included on the SAPC Provider Network site at: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/NetworkProviders/Regulations.htm</p> <p>February 22, 2023 - Preparing for Payment Reform in July 2023 Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Preparing for Payment Reform in July 2023, 02.22.23 • Video Recording <p>January 24, 2023 - Preparing for Payment Reform in July 2023 Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Preparing for Payment Reform in July 2023, 1.24.23 • Video Recording • FAQ <p>Meeting Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 20, 2023 2:00PM-3:30PM • April 18, 2023 3:00PM-4:30PM • May 30, 2023 3:00PM-4:30PM • June 27, 2023 3:00PM-4:30PM
2.	Would the implementation of AB 2473 apply to education requirements for currently registered but not certified counselors?	<p>The core competency requirements outlined in AB 2473 shall not be implemented prior to July 1, 2025.</p> <p>AB 2473 raises minimum education standards for registered counselors from 9 hours to 80 hours; the same number of hours required to become a peer specialist.</p>
3.	Would advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) fall in the same reimbursement segment as registered nurses (RN)?	It will depend on their credentials, as the State will issue reimbursements based on taxonomy codes. If the APRN is still identified under the RN taxonomy code, the same reimbursement rates will apply.
4.	Will SAPC share a list of accepted billing codes?	Yes, accepted billing codes will be provided once they are finalized.

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5.	Will providers receive a new companion guide?	Yes, SAPC is working on an updated companion guide with the new requirements to be shared with our network. It will be shared once finalized.
6.	After the payment reform, will adding a claim look entirely different in Sage?	While some codes may be new or different for LPHAs, how you enter claims will be fundamentally similar to your current practice. The specific process will also depend on if you are a primary Sage User (e.g., use Sage as your EHR system) or a Secondary Sage User (e.g., you use your own EHR system). Different systems have different interfaces. SAPC will provide all necessary training for any changes to the billing procedures for Primary Sage Users well before changes are implemented.
7.	Will SAPC continue to reimburse group counseling between beneficiary & the number of participants?	For information about DMC-ODS billing under CalAIM payment reform, providers are referred to the DHCS DMC Billing Manual (Jan 2023 version) located here: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/DMC-Billing-Manual-Jan-2023.pdf
8.	Will telehealth services continue to be allowed under payment reform?	Yes. The following are allowable LOCs that can be conducted via Telehealth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outpatient services (ASAM 1.0 & 1.0-AR) • Intensive Outpatient services (ASAM 2.1) • Ambulatory Withdrawal Management (ASAM 1-WM & ASAM 2-WM) • Recovery Services
9.	Can we have a training on interactive complexity?	Interactive complexity add-ons may be reported with psychiatric procedures when there are other communication difficulties such as interpreter or translation or significant language barriers. CPT code training that includes interactive complexity is being developed and will be included in future meetings. SAPC will provide more information as it becomes available.
10.	How will payment reform affect billing for co-occurring mental health (MH) and substance use disorder (SUD) services? Will there be a combined billing opportunity in the future?	Under CalAIM's payment reform, the billing across the specialty MH and SUD systems are still separate and distinct. However, specialty MH systems are able to bill for SUD services within their system. Services billed to DMC-ODS will still require a primary SUD diagnosis. Moving forward, hiring more licensed clinicians within the SUD system will provide a greater opportunity for increasing the treatment for individuals with co-occurring Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and SUDs within the specialty SUD system. SAPC has been in discussions with DMH about expanding their ability to deliver substance use services in their system as the State now allows it and it is also the best way for ensuring that individuals with acute SMI can still receive SUD services within their system. SUD practitioners can already treat co-occurring disorders within the scope of their practice, including Registered

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		and Certified SUD counselors who can provide SUD services to beneficiaries that are also receiving MH services.
11.	Do residential facilities need to set up a separate cost center to bill for Case Management?	SAPC is not requiring this of providers, however it strongly suggesting this occur. However, it will be beneficial for providers to understand their costs for Payment Reform. With Payment Reform, effective July 1, 2023 there will no longer be any reconciliation.
12.	Will SAPC request partial reimbursement from providers if their revenue exceeds their expenses by more than 10%?	No.
13.	Can a patient receive SUD services through SAPC and outpatient services through Department of Mental Health on the same day?	SAPC is reaching out to DHCS for clarification on same day services between DMC and Specialty Mental Health Services. Providers should follow the same lockout rules for CPT codes for services between SMHS and DMC as there are certain CPT codes that will be shared with the implementation of payment reform. Codes with lockout restrictions within DMC will likely share the same lockout restriction between DMC and SMHS and be denied if billed on the same day between DMC and SMHS.
Questions not related to Payment Reform		
14.	Where can providers find SAPC trainings that offer continuing education units (CEU)?	SAPC has a training website with trainings offering CEUs. It can be accessed at: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/providers/trainings-and-events.htm
15.	Will there be a billing blackout in July 2023?	SAPC will provide more information related to the fiscal year cut over closer to the end of the fiscal year.
16.	Can master's level therapists & social workers, who have completed their degree but still collecting hours towards licensure, bill as a Licensed Practitioner of the Health Arts (LPHA)?	Please visit the SAPC Provider Manual 7.0 , page 174 for a complete description of LPHAs and Licensed Eligible LPHA.

Links provided:

- DPH COVID-19 Website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- SAPC COVID-19 Webpage: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/providers/covid19/>
- DHCS COVID-19 Webpage: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/DHCS-COVID-19-Response.aspx>
- SAPC Information Notice 22-01: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/bulletins/START-ODS/22-01/SAPCIN22-01COVID-19.pdf>