

## Communication Release Fiscal Year Cut-Over 06/25/2025

## Fiscal Year 25-26

In anticipation for the upcoming FY25-26 transition, SAPC reminds providers that:

- No Authorization Blackout during FY 25-26 Cut-Over: SAPC is happy to announce that an authorization blackout is not anticipated during this transition. As such, providers will be permitted to continue to submit authorizations as we transition into FY 25-26.
  - Secondary Sage Users: If you are a secondary Sage User, please ensure your EHR is updated with the new split authorization numbers for the FY 25-26 in preparation for billing for the new fiscal year. New authorization numbers for split authorizations are available for providers to access via Sage PCNX using the Authorization Request Status Report. Claims for FY 25-26 submitted with a FY 24-25 authorization number will be denied for "Invalid authorization number" and denial code CO 284 M62.
- **Providers can continue to submit claims for FY 24-25:** Providers can and should continue to submit claims from FY 24-25 with service dates through June 30, 2025, for adjudication during the EOY cut-over period.
- Providers are anticipated to be able to submit claims for FY 25-26 without a Claim Submission Blackout. SAPC will inform providers in the coming week if a brief Claim Submission Blackout for Dates of Service of 7/1/2025 and later will be necessary: Currently, SAPC is not anticipating a claiming blackout for FY 25-26 services. However, providers should continue to review SAPC communications for updates, as it is possible that a brief claim submission blackout may be needed prior to submission of FY 25-26 claims. To assist providers in avoiding unnecessary claim denials, SAPC will provide a communication to the SAPC Treatment Network when claims for FY 25-26 can be submitted.

## Revised Billing Deadlines for FY 22-23, FY 23-24, FY 24-25

Due to recent system changes and provider inquiries, SAPC is revising some of the previously set billing deadlines to allow providers to receive delayed adjudications and fix denials. The following revised deadlines apply to all agencies and are subject to change, per Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) claiming deadlines.

- FY 22-23: Deadline remains 6/30/2025
- FY 23-24: Deadline extended to 8/29/2025
- FY 24-25/25-26: Claiming deadlines for original and replacement services will not be implemented on 7/1/2025 as planned. A future date of implementation will be announced in FY 25-26 but not before 9/30/2025.

Questions related to the billing deadlines should be directed to <u>SAPC-Finance@ph.lacounty.gov</u>.

SAPC Contracts Division approved provider contracts for an additional year allowing contract numbers to remain unchanged. This extension allowed Sage to be configured to create split authorizations for any authorization crossing into FY 26-27.

Effective immediately, authorizations for OTP patients that cross into FY 26-27 no longer need to be manually ended on 6/30/2026. OTPs can submit the full authorization period that will trigger the system to automatically create the split auth. For authorizations previously end dated on 6/30/2026, OTPs should manually submit the remaining auth period for UM to review and process. This will not be automated for providers.