



**Behavioral Health Workgroup**  
**September 12, 2022 Meeting Summary**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) hosted the CalAIM Behavioral Health Workgroup on September 12, 2022.

The meeting was attended by DHCS staff, [CalAIM Behavioral Health Workgroup members](#), and members of the public. Tyler Sadwith, Erika Cristo, Ivan Bhardwaj, and David Tian were the DHCS lead presenters.

This meeting focused on the following topics. A full agenda can be found at the [CalAIM Behavioral Health Workgroup](#) agenda page.

- Status updates on the Mobile Crisis State Plan Amendment (SPA)
- An overview of the CalAIM Behavioral Health initiatives
- An overview of the Data Exchange technical assistance
- An overview of the Population Health Management Framework
- A workgroup discussion; and
- Public comment on the above topics.

**Discussion Summary**

- The meeting began with a presentation from DHCS providing an overview of the meeting objectives and an update on the new Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Services SPA, and an overview of several policies including the Standardized Screening & Transition of Care Tools for Adults & Youth, [Peer Support Services](#) and the [No Wrong Door policy](#). DHCS also provided an overview of the CalAIM Data Sharing Authorization and a summary of the Population Health Management Framework.
- Below is a summary of the comments from the workgroup discussion:
  - Recommendation to continue to evolve the documentation requirements to be less burdensome.
  - Request for DHCS to consider not removing the rubric from the Adult Transition of Care tool.
  - Recommendation to reconsider how medical necessity is defined for crisis services.
  - Requests for clarification on data sharing practices between Mental Health Plans and Managed Care Plans.
  - Requests for clarification on how follow-ups after an individual receives the Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Services benefit will be monitored.

- Requests for additional guidance on how billing will be managed for non Medi-Cal beneficiaries who receive crisis services.
  - Comments in support of Peer Support Services.
  - Requests for additional guidance on how Peer Support Services will be billed during the certification process.
- Next, members of the public were invited to comment. Below is a summary:
    - An emphasis on the importance of strengthening the behavioral health workforce.
    - Comments in support of the Peer Support Services.
    - Call for clarification on when the MOU guidance will be released.

**Next Steps for DHCS:**

- Information about upcoming webinars and other items related to the CalAIM BH initiatives can be found on the [Behavioral Health CalAIM Webpage](#).
- Stakeholders may submit written comments related to the implementation of CalAIM behavioral health initiatives to: [BHCalAIM@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:BHCalAIM@dhcs.ca.gov) with the subject line “CalAIM BH Workgroup”.