

Standardized Peer Support Specialist Question List for County Presenters

The standardized question list below will be distributed to counties that present to the Workforce and Employment Committee on data, statistics, billing, and utilization of Peer Support Specialists in local counties. The committee will use this information to fill in the gaps of information at the local level to effectively advocate for resources to be directed where they are needed, support employment opportunities for non-certified Peer Support Specialists in the behavioral health workforce, and improve the peer certification process for peers, training programs, and county systems.

Questions for County Presenters:

1. How many Peer Support Specialists work in county-contracted agencies?
 - a) How many peers are Medi-Cal certified?
 - b) How many peers are not Medi-Cal certified?
 - c) How many peers are full-time employees and part-time employees?
 - d) How many peer supervisors are Medi-Cal certified Peer Support Specialists?
 - e) What are the diversity demographics of your peer workforce? i.e. race/ethnicity, LGBTQ, refugees, justice-involved, child welfare
2. What types of programs are certified and non-certified Peer Support Specialists working in? i.e. Full-Service Partnerships, outpatient clinics, community-based organizations, etc.
3. What specific challenges has the county encountered in billing Medi-Cal for certified Peer Support Specialists?
4. What specific challenges have contracted community-based organizations encountered in billing Medi-Cal for certified Peer Support Specialists?
5. How many peer certification training programs are there in the county?
 - a) Are there any plans to expand the number of peer certification training programs in the county?
 - b) Are there any in-person trainings available?
6. How does the county support individuals with obtaining certification?
 - a) What types of financial assistance or scholarships are available at the county-level for individuals seeking peer certification?
 - b) What ongoing training and professional development opportunities are available for Medi-Cal certified Peer Support Specialists in the county?
7. What are your plans in the near future to add and fund Peer Support Specialist positions to your programs?

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The following items may be provided to the WEC by staff based on the CalMHSA Peer Certification Program Data Dashboard for each county:

- Sum of Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists
- Sum of Supervision of Peer Workers
- Sum of Parent/Caregiver Peers
- Sum of Crisis Care Peers
- Sum of Justice-Involved Peers
- Sum of Unhoused Peers

The following items may be provided to the WEC by staff based on the CalMHSA Peer Certification Program Data Dashboard at the **statewide level**:

- Number of Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists (CMPSS)
- Number of CMPSS with specialization training (parent/caregiver, justice-involved, unhoused, crisis care)
- Personal Recovery Experience (mental health condition, substance use disorder condition)
- Family/Caregiver Experience (mental health condition, substance use disorder condition)

Statewide Demographic Data:

- Age-group (18-25, 25-64, 65+)
- Proficient Language (English, Spanish, Other)
- Employment Status (unemployed, full-time employment, part-time employment, volunteer)
- Gender (female, male, genderqueer, transgender)
- Race/Ethnicity (White/Caucasian, Hispanic/Latinx, Black/African American, Multi-race, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American)
- County Region (Southern, Los Angeles Area, Bay Area, Central, Superior)
- County Size (large, very large, medium, small, small-rural)

<https://www.capeercertification.org/certification-program-data-dashboard/>