

Extension of Deadline to Submit Claims for Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Fee Schedule Program Services

Due to recent changes in California state law¹ resulting from Assembly Bill (AB) 144², the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is revising its guidance regarding claims submission timelines for CYBHI Fee Schedule program services.

Effective **January 1, 2026**,³ local educational agencies (LEAs), public institutions of higher education (IHEs), and designated affiliated providers may submit claims for reimbursement to Carelon Behavioral Health (CBH) up to **365 days**⁴ from the date services were furnished to an eligible student as part of the CYBHI Fee Schedule program. Under prior DHCS guidance, LEAs, IHEs, and, designated affiliated providers were required to submit all CYBHI Fee Schedule program claims within 180 days of the date of service to be eligible for reimbursement, unless the LEA or IHE received a “good faith exception” approval from DHCS.

Please note that this policy change does not affect an LEA/IHE’s or designated affiliated provider’s assigned first date of service, which is based on the LEA/IHE’s cohort and completion of onboarding pre-requisites. LEAs, IHEs and designated affiliated providers may not submit claims prior to a participant’s established first date of service for the CYBHI Fee Schedule program, regardless of the date services were furnished to students at the schoolsite.

This guidance aligns with the state statute and the timelines for claims submission outlined in federal regulations⁵.

¹ [Welfare & Institutions Code § 5961.4 \(d\)\(2\)\(C\)\(iii\)\(II\)](#)

² [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 144, Committee on Budget. Health. Ch. 105, Stats. 2025.](#)

³ [Welfare & Institutions Code § 5961.4 \(c\)\(1\)](#)

⁴ Claims submitted more than 365 days from the date services were furnished to a student are not eligible for reimbursement.

⁵ [42 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 447.45 \(d\)\(1\)](#)

DHCS will update the [CYBHI Fee Schedule Program Manual](#) to reflect this revised guidance.

For questions related to this updated guidance, please contact the DHCS School-Based Service branch at DHCS.SBS@dhcs.ca.gov