

California's Justice-Involved Re-entry Initiative All County Call

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

10:00 am - 11:00 am PST

Housekeeping



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Today's Agenda

- » Welcome and Housekeeping
- » All County Webinar – April Recap
- » PAVE Resources
- » Medi-Cal Enrolled Pharmacies
- » Important Dates to Remember
- » Timeliness Submissions
- » Survey
- » Q&A and Closing


All-County Webinar April Recap



All-County Webinar Recap – April 2026

- » JI Care Management Bundles
- » JI Screening Portal Resources
- » Guidance for 90 vs 180 days
- » PATH Funding updates for Round 3 and Round 4

Provider Application & Validation for Enrollment (PAVE) Process and Resources



Getting Set Up in the PAVE System

- » PAVE is the online system for Medi-Cal FFS enrollment.
- » Your tax ID must be linked to Medi-Cal or you'll need to create a new PAVE account.
- » Check for existing enrollments before creating a new account.

Accessing PAVE from an Existing/Enrolled Account

- » If the Tax ID already has a Medi-Cal enrollment: do NOT create a new PAVE profile.
- » Request access from an authorized PAVE administrator.
- » One PAVE profile per Tax ID – duplicates cause delays.

Starting An Application

- » Start by going to Applications and go to New Applications
- » Complete the questionnaire to start the correct applications.
- » Choose the correct type:
 - Pharmacy- Organization
 - Clinic- Exempt from Licensure
- » Incorrect selections cause delays.

Medi-Cal Program Requirements

» Requirements:

- Required attachments (ID, TIN verification PIC license, insurance)
- Established place of business
- Disclosure of managing employees
- Authorized signer

Application Signature Requirements

- » Only managing employees with legal authority may sign.
- » Signer must be listed in the application.
- » Signatures cannot be delegated; generic e-signatures are not acceptable.
- » Include copy of valid state-issued ID.

Medi-Cal Enrolled Pharmacy



Medi-Cal Pharmacy Provider Enrollment

- » CalAIM Justice-Involved (JI) Initiative
 - P&O Guide Section 9 Provider Enrollment and Payment
 - CMS requirement - Code of Federal Regulations Title 42 CFR 455.410 establishes the rules for enrollment and screening of Medicaid providers.
- » Medi-Cal Rx Compliance Overview

JI Policy Overview

- » Correctional facilities must ensure all pharmacy providers dispensing medications to Justice-Involved (JI) members are enrolled as Medi-Cal providers.
- » Enrollment must be active in the PAVE (Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment) system
- » Non-enrolled pharmacies cannot seek reimbursement and the facility or county must absorb the cost
- » Use of non-enrolled pharmacies places the correctional facility out of compliance

Who Must Enroll as a Medi-Cal Pharmacy?

- » Mandatory Medi-Cal enrollment applies to all pharmacy types:
 - On-site correctional facility pharmacies
 - Retail community pharmacies
 - Specialty pharmacies
 - Long-term care pharmacies
 - Mail-order, out-of-state, or delivery-based pharmacies

Pharmacy Enrollment Process

Pharmacies must:

- » Submit a full Medi-Cal provider enrollment application through PAVE
- » Meet Medi-Cal participation requirements:
 - Valid pharmacy licensure
 - Active NPI registration
 - Compliance with federal screening rules
- » Pay the application fee
- » Maintain one PAVE profile per Tax ID (if there are multiple onsite pharmacies under the same Tax ID, only 1 application is needed)

Accessing PAVE

- » PAVE Portal: <https://pave.dhcs.ca.gov>
- » Pharmacies enroll as Type 2 – Organization
- » System sends an email confirmation after submission.
- » Support contacts:
 - PED Message Center: 916-323-1945
 - PAVE Technical Support: 866-252-1949

Medi-Cal RX Timely Filing Requirements

- » Per Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual:
 - Claims must be submitted within 6 months to receive full reimbursement.
 - Late claims without an approved exception are reduced or denied.
 - Failure to enroll on time is not an approved exception.

Non-enrolled Pharmacy Compliance Risks

Use of non-enrolled pharmacies results in:

- » Lack of continuity of care for patients;
- » No reimbursement for medications dispensed;
- » Non-compliance with CalAIM JI Initiative requirements;
- » Potential audit findings; and
- » Operational disruption for medication continuity.

Key Takeaways

- » Enrollment in Medi-Cal via PAVE is mandatory for all pharmacy providers serving JI members.
- » Correctional facilities are responsible for ensuring compliance.
- » Non-enrolled pharmacies = no payment + compliance violations.
- » Timely enrollment prevents claim denials and service interruptions.

Important Dates to Remember



Mandatory Go-Live by October 1, 2026

- » To comply with state law, all remaining county correctional facilities must go-live with the JI Reentry Initiative by October 1, 2026.
- » DHCS will work with counties to ensure successful implementation.
- » Correctional facilities may request conditional go-live status, attesting to readiness for core components (care management, MAT, medications in hand) and providing a timeline for full implementation within 12 months. Priority populations and system readiness must be identified prior to go-live.

Current Readiness Assessment (RA) Status

- » Thirty-two (32) county correctional facilities (CFs) that have not yet submitted a [readiness assessment \(RA\) application](#) to DHCS in preparation for going live by the statutory deadline.
- » There are also 18 counties that don't have a youth correctional facility (YCF) in the county and 2 counties that don't have an adult jail.
 - DHCS is working with the associations on the readiness and go-live processes for these counties.

Readiness Assessments (RA) Timeline

- » DHCS County Liaisons will be outreaching to counties that have not submitted an RA application.
- » **July 1, 2026:** All counties must submit a Readiness Assessment using Nintex.
- » **August 1, 2026:** If an RA application has not been submitted, DHCS will issue a formal non-compliance letter to the county correctional facility.

Timeliness Submission of JI Billing Claims



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- » Under Medi-Cal, providers have 180 calendar days from the date of service to submit a claim for 100% reimbursement of the posted rate.
- » Providers can submit claims up to 365 days from the date of service but after 180 days, the claim will be paid at a reduced rate.
- » After 365 days from the date of service, the claim is not payable.
- » If a county goes live with the intention of setting up billing mechanisms later, it should recognize the risk of reduced or denied reimbursement for services rendered after go-live but outside applicable Medi-Cal billing timelines.

All County Call Topics Survey



Survey Questions

- » Question 1: Which areas of the readiness assessment would you like additional support with?
- » Question 2 : What topics would you be interested in exploring in future All-County webinar meetings?

Question and Answer



Closing Remarks



APPENDIX



California's Justice Involved Re-Entry Initiative Resources



Where To Find JI Resources

- » JI Reentry Initiative Home Page [Justice-Involved Initiative Home](#)
- » JI Webinars and Meetings [Webinars & Meetings](#)
- » JI YouTube Playlist [Office of Strategic Partnerships – Justice-Involved Reentry Services – YouTube](#)
- » JI Resources Page [Resources](#)
- » *New* – Readiness Assessment [DHCS-Justice-Involved-Reentry-Initiative-Readiness-Assessment-Revised-January-2026.pdf](#)
- » *New* – Readiness Assessment Survey [Nintex Forms](#)
- » *Email:* CalAIMJusticeAdvisoryGroup@dhcs.ca.gov