

## Readiness Assessment

**Question 1. What is the status of the updated readiness assessment for counties that do not have correctional facilities.**

DHCS Response: Guidance for counties without correctional facilities is nearing completion and should be released within 1–2 weeks. Guidance will be sent directly to the counties who do not have a correctional facility.

## PAVE/Enrollment

**Question 2. Why is PAVE asking for employees' personal information like SSN, DOB, and ID? Can we enroll without providing that?**

DHCS Response: Yes, that information is required. It is a federal requirement and cannot be removed.

## Specialty Mental Health/Pre Release Services

**Question 3. Should specialty mental health providers bill fee-for-service to CAMMIS for all 90-day pre-release services?**

DHCS Response: Yes. All pre-release specialty mental health services (assessments, therapy, case management, etc.) must be billed fee-for-service to CAMMIS.

**Question 4. If specialty mental health staff participate in a warm handoff meeting alongside the care manager, should they bill the warm handoff care management code or their normal behavioral health code?**

DHCS Response: DHCS indicated that warm-handoff codes are generally intended for care manager to care manager transitions. If an SMH provider participates as a professional provider, the correct approach may be billing the standard specialty mental health code. DHCS will confirm.

**Question 5. If receiving a behavioral health “link” (e.g., from CDCR), should counties bill Short-Doyle behavioral health codes as usual?**

DHCS Response: Yes. Behavioral Health Link activities should continue to be billed using established Short-Doyle billing codes.

## **Policy Guide**

**Question 6. Has DHCS released the updated JI Policy & Operational Guide?**

DHCS Response: Yes. DHCS confirmed that the first chapter of the updated guide has been published and is available on the DHCS website, additional chapters are in development.