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TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
California Hospital Association
California Opioid Maintenance Providers
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations
County Behavioral Health Directors
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Revised Peer Support Service Function Code

PURPOSE: This letter provides revised guidance on reporting Peer Support Services on the Specialty Mental Health Cost Report.

REFERENCE: [Behavioral Health Information Notice \(BHIN\) 22-040](#)

BACKGROUND:

On July 25, 2022, DHCS issued [BHIN 22-040](#), which specified the mode and service function counties and contract providers must use when reporting units of service and costs for Peer Support Services on the Specialty Mental Health Cost Report. The cost report captures units of service and costs for each specialty mental health service by mode and service function.

Following the release of BHIN 22-040, several counties expressed concern with the guidance to use Service Function 01 when reporting units of service and costs for Peer Support Services on the SMHS Cost Report. To resolve this DHCS is revising the Service Function code for Peer Support Services from 01 to 20, effective immediately.

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POLICY:

When reporting units of service and costs for Peer Support Services on the SMHS Cost Report, use Mode 15, Service Function 20.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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