



Behavioral Health Payment Reform Workgroup Discussion Questions

12/13/19

Benefits and Challenges of Current Payment Methodologies and Processes

1. What are the largest barriers for counties claiming federal reimbursement for services today?
2. What components of the current methodology are most beneficial from county, provider or beneficiary perspective?
3. What challenges do the current processes present to both counties and providers?
4. Should DHCS transition all three delivery systems on the same schedule or should the systems be transitioned via a phase-in schedule?

Challenges and Opportunities of transition to HCPCS Level I coding

1. What are the barriers for providers to transition from HCPCS Level II to HCPCS Level I coding?
2. Counties and providers are in different states of readiness for transition to HCPCS Level I Coding submission to DHCS, what steps should DHCS take to ensure counties are prepared for transition?
3. What billing codes does your county use to record the provision of services in the county's management information system (e.g., electronic health record)?
4. What billing codes do providers use to record provision of services in their electronic health records?
5. Will county's network providers need training on the use of CPT codes and/or HCPCS codes in documenting and billing for specialty mental health and Drug Medi-Cal services?