

Drug Medi-Cal State Plan County Memorandum of Understanding with Managed Care Plans

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Welcome & Introductions

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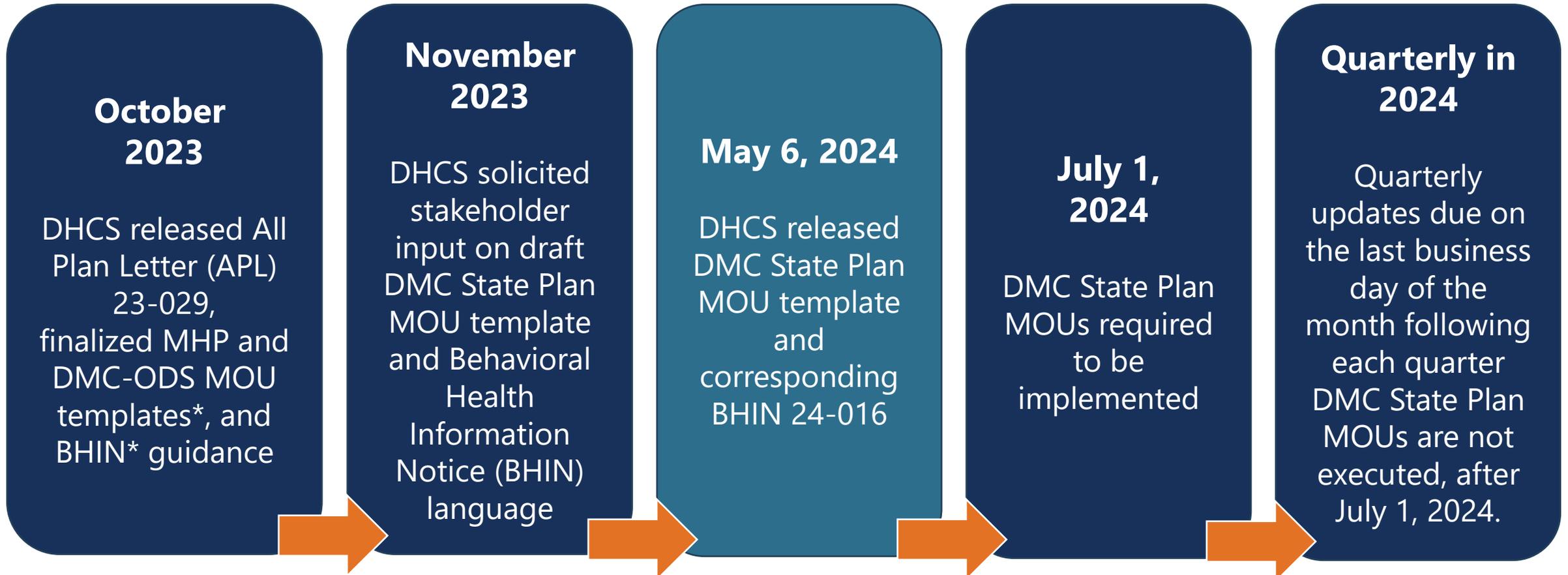
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Agenda

- » Welcome, Housekeeping, and Introductions
- » Background
- » Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) State Plan Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Guidance
- » MOU Template & Implementation
- » Q&A

Background and Timeline



MOU Context

Department/Entity	Program Services
<i>MOUs Managed Care Plans (MCPs) needed to implement with partners by 1/1/2024</i>	
County Behavioral Health Departments	Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), Substance Use Disorder Services (DMC-ODS)
Local Health Departments	Including, without limitation, California Children’s Services (CCS), Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH), and Tuberculosis Direct Observed Therapy
WIC Local Agencies or Non-Profit Entities	Women Infants and Children (WIC)
Regional Centers	Intermediate Care Facility – Developmentally Disabled Services
Local Government Agencies	In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
LGA/County Social Services Departments	County Social Services programs and Child Welfare
<i>MOUs MCPs need to implement with partners by 7/1/2024</i>	
Local Government Agencies (LGA)	County-Based Targeted Case Management
County Behavioral Health Departments	Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services in Drug Medi-Cal State Plan Counties

MOU Requirements & Structure

The MOU Templates are part of a broader set of documents and additional items focused on the release and execution of the MOUs. These items include:

Base MOU Template

Contains provisions that must be included in all MOUs

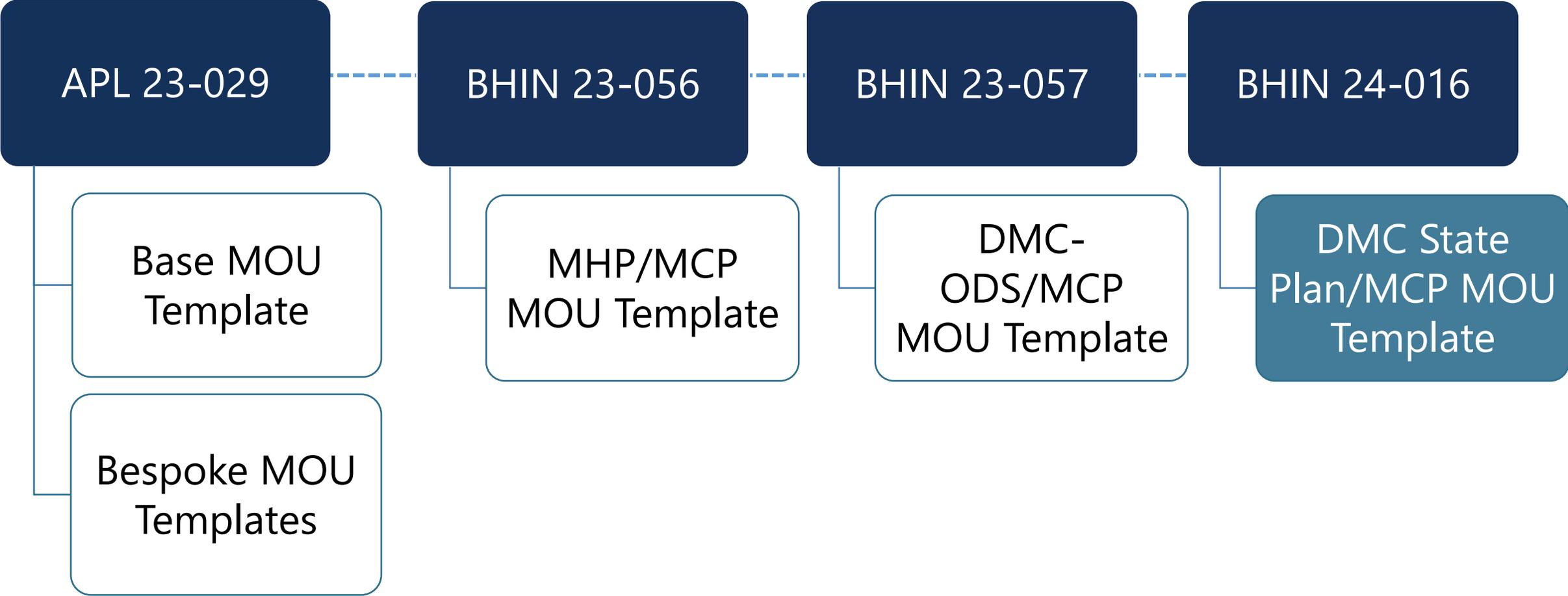
- » Clarifies roles and responsibilities of MCP and Other Party
- » Establishes “rules of engagement” to cooperate and address disputes
- » Includes DHCS recommended optional provisions that parties may consider for execution (notated in *italics*)

All Plan Letter (APL) and Behavioral Health Information Notices (BHIN) on MOU Requirements

APL 23-029 and BHINs 23-056 and 23-057 explain the intent and purpose of the provisions set forth in the MOUs between MCPs and MHPs or DMC-ODS counties.

- » Sets expectations of MCPs, such as an annual review of the MOU
- » Details requirements related to MOU execution and submission to DHCS
- » Lays out a monitoring plan for how DHCS will oversee MCP and Other Party's compliance with the MOU requirements

MOU Guidance for MCPs and Counties



DMC State Plan/MCP MOU Guidance

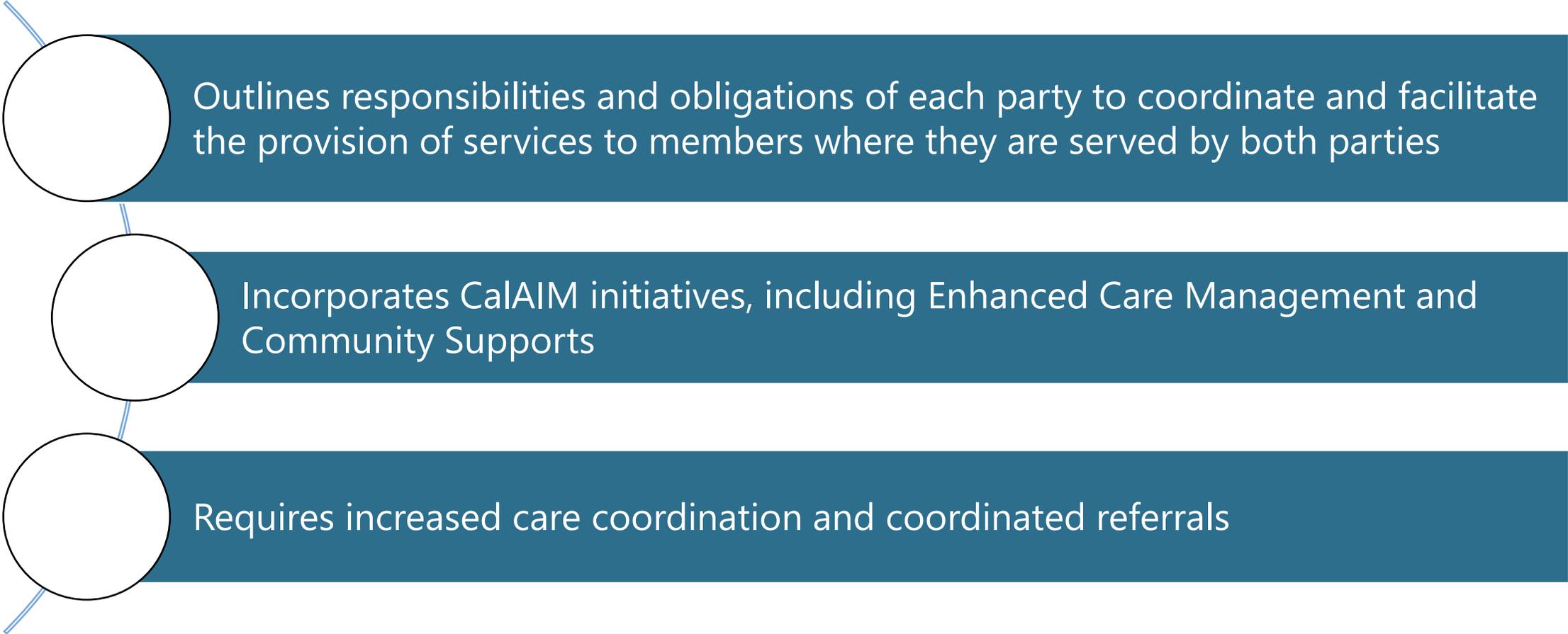
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- Corresponds with and builds upon the Base APL (23-029) to address DMC State Plan specific requirements.
- Unlike APL, places requirements on DMC State Plan counties, aligned with contract requirements.

Bespoke DMC State Plan MOU Template

- Build on base MOU with DMC State Plan-specific requirements, in addition to MCP requirements.
- Clarify roles and responsibilities between DMC State Plan counties and MCPs to support local engagement, facilitate care coordination, and exchange of information to improve referral processes.

Diving Deeper: MOU Template



Outlines responsibilities and obligations of each party to coordinate and facilitate the provision of services to members where they are served by both parties

Incorporates CalAIM initiatives, including Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports

Requires increased care coordination and coordinated referrals

MOU Implementation & Reporting Requirements

» DMC State Plan counties shall:

- Make a good faith effort to execute MOU(s) using required templates with their respective MCP(s) by July 1, 2024
- Submit quarterly progress reports and documentation to DHCS via email at MCBHOMDMonitoring@dhcs.ca.gov, if unable to execute MOUs by July 1, 2024
- Submit a fully executed MOU and attestation to DHCS email listed above
- Submit a redlined version of the MOU for DHCS review and approval if modifications are made to the mandatory provisions of the template
- Publish the MOU and annual reporting requirements on the county's website

Clarifications

- » Other written agreements may exist between parties but should not conflict with the provisions within the MOU
- » Template language is not exhaustive
 - Parties may agree to include additional provisions, provided they do not conflict with required minimum provisions
- » Multiple services or programs may be included under a single MOU
 - DHCS encourages multi-party MOUs, which may include more than one signatory entering into agreement with one county, if the goals of the MOU can be fulfilled
- » DMC State Plan County contracted providers are not required to be a signatory to their delivery system's respective MOUs

Resources

- » Email MCPMOUS@dhcs.ca.gov or your county liaison
- » Website: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/MCPMOUS.aspx>
- » BHINs and templates:
[https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/Behavioral Health Information Notice.aspx](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/Behavioral_Health_Information_Notice.aspx)
- » APLs: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/AllPlanLetters.aspx>

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