**Please read all instructions carefully before completing these forms.**

**Purpose**

Assembly Bill (AB) 81 (Chapter 13, Statutes of 2020) and Welfare and Institutions Code section 14126.032 require DHCS to audit Freestanding Skilled Nursing Facilities (FS/NF-B) and Freestanding Skilled Adult Subacute Nursing Facilities (FSSA/NF-B) expenses and revenues that are associated with the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) to determine whether a facility has adequately used increased Medi-Cal payments associated with the COVID-19 PHE to support the delivery of patient care. DHCS may recoup any amounts of the increased Medi-Cal payments associated with the COVID-19 PHE that DHCS finds were not used for allowable expenses. At this time, DHCS will audit COVID-19 PHE-related expenses and revenues for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Instructions for audits beyond this period will be issued at a future time.

**The Medi-Cal COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 were due September 30, 2023. DHCS will continue to accept submissions of the schedules past September 30, 2023, but will deem these submissions late. If a complete submission of the schedules is not received by December 31, 2023, DHCS reserves the right to take any available remedial actions, including but not limited to initiating the recoupment process pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 14126.032(c) for expenditures that were not used to support the delivery of patient care. Interest may be assessed where applicable.**

**Process for Completion of Medi-Cal COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules**

1. Submit an e‑File of Medi-Cal COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules for each licensed facility.
2. You must complete all required pages in accordance with the instructions below.
3. Do not change the Line or Column descriptions under any circumstances.
4. Report all dollar amounts in whole dollars. Do not include cents.
5. All financial records supporting the report should follow generally accepted accounting principles and rules, CMS Publication 15‑1, California Administrative Code, Title 22 requirements, and Medi‑Cal Provider Manual for Long‑Term Care.
6. All completed Medi-Cal COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules must be submitted as an Excel document. The Excel Reporting Schedules must include a signed Certification Statement located on Schedule 1.
7. Submit completed Medi-Cal COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules and Certification Statements to [PHEAudits@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PHEAudits@dhcs.ca.gov) with the subject line “COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules – HCAI ID (e.g 206xxxxxx)”.
8. Naming convention of Medi-Cal COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules for submission:

Provider Name\_HCAI ID\_COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules\_Submission Date

*Example:*

*ABC Nursing Care\_206xxxxxx\_COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules\_MMDDYY*

## E‑File Submission Requirements

1. The date when e‑File submissions are received will be used in lieu of the postmark date for establishing the beginning of the 36‑month audit limitation period in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 14170.
2. All COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules must be submitted as an individual, stand‑alone Excel file document.

For assistance/questions, please contact the Long Term Care System Development Unit at PHEaudits@dhcs.ca.gov with the subject line “COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules”.

## Change of Ownership (CHOW)

The original recipient of the increased Medi-Cal payments associated with the COVID-19 PHE is responsible for submitting the Medi-Cal COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules.

Medi-Cal COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules correspond to the cost report period submitted to the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI). When the filed cost report was submitted due to a CHOW, include CHOW information on Schedule 2 – Questionnaire Related to COVID-19 PHE Services, Question 2, for review by DHCS. Individual CHOW circumstances will be considered by DHCS during the PHE Reporting Schedule Audit.

**Schedule 1 – General Information and Certification**

* **Section A – Facility Information**

Fill out information for provider name, facility address, HCAI ID (e.g 206xxxxxx), and National Provider Identifier (NPI).

Providers with multiple facilities will need to complete separate COVID-19 PHE Reporting Schedules for each facility.

* **Section B – Contact Information**

Provide the contact information for a facility administrator or other authorized person, including name, title, phone number, e-mail address, and date submitted.

* **Section C – Certification**

Provide the signature of the authorized person filling out the form, their title, and date.

**Schedule 2 – Questionnaire Related to COVID-19 PHE Services**

Provide detailed answers to all the questions on this schedule to disclose COVID-19 PHE related information. Put “N/A” if not applicable.

NOTE: If additional lines are needed for any of the questions on Schedule 2, attach a separate schedule along with the Reporting Schedules.

**Schedule 3 – Days and Detail of Funds Received Related to COVID-19 PHE**

* **Section I – Days**

Complete Section I on Schedule 3 to report Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) days, Medi-Cal Managed Care days, and total days.

Use line 1 to report the Skilled Nursing Care Medi-Cal FFS days by **Period** (see **\*\*** below), based on Medi-Cal payment data. If the reporting Period covers 12 months of the Fiscal Year, then the Skilled Nursing Care Medi-Cal FFS days should agree with the Medi-Cal days per provider’s MC 530 cost report, page 4.1, line 5, column 2.

Use line 2 to report the Subacute Care Medi-Cal FFS days by **Period** (see **\*\*** below), based on Medi-Cal payment data. If the reporting Period covers 12 months of the Fiscal Year, then the Subacute Care Medi-Cal FFS days should agree with the Medi-Cal days per provider’s MC 530 cost report, page 4.1, line 25, column 2.

Use line 3 to report the Skilled Nursing Care Medi-Cal Managed Care days by **Period** (see **\*\*** below), based on provider’s census record.

Use line 4 to report the Subacute Care Medi-Cal Managed Care days by **Period** (see **\*\*** below), based on provider’s census record.

Use line 5 to report the Skilled Nursing Care Total days by **Period** (see **\*\*** below), based on provider’s census record. If the reporting Period covers 12 months of the Fiscal Year, then the Skilled Nursing Care Total days should agree with the Total days per provider’s MC 530 cost report, page 4.1, line 5, column 5.

Use line 6 to report the Subacute Care Total days by **Period** (see **\*\*** below), based on provider’s census record. If the reporting Period covers 12 months of the Fiscal Year, then the Subacute Care Total days should agree with the Total days per provider’s MC 530 cost report, page 4.1, line 25, column 5.

**\*\*** Revenue received during the PHE period from 3/1/2020 to 12/31/2022 is divided into **4** reporting Periods:

* Column 1 – “**Period 1**” is for FY 2020 – Begin date: 3/1/2020; End date: should coincide with facility’s MC530 cost report fiscal period end date for year fiscal 2020.
  + This column is only to be used by facilities with FYE other than 1/31 or 2/28. Skip “**Period 1**” if provider has FYE 1/31 or 2/28.
* Column 2 – “**Period 2**” is for FY 2021 – Begin date and End date should coincide with facility’s MC530 cost report reporting period for fiscal year of 2021.
* Column 3 – “**Period 3**” is for FY 2022 – Begin date and End date should coincide with facility’s MC530 cost report reporting period for fiscal year of 2022. This column is only to be used by facilities with FYE other than 12/31. Skip “**Period 3**” if facility has FYE 12/31.
* Column 4 – “**Period 4**” is for FY 2022 or FY 2023 – Begin date: should coincide with facility’s MC530 cost report fiscal year begin date for fiscal year 2023; End date: 12/31/2022. (For facilities with FYE 12/31, begin date: 1/1/2022.)

*Examples:*

* *If facility’s regular Fiscal Year end is 1/31, then* ***skip “Period 1”****; Period 2 should be 3/1/2020-1/31/2021; Period 3 should be 2/1/2021-1/31/2022; Period 4 should be 2/1/2022-12/31/2022.*
* *If facility’s regular Fiscal Year end is 2/28, then* ***skip “Period 1”****; Period 2 should be 3/1/2020-2/28/2021; Period 3 should be 3/1/2021-2/28/2022; Period 4 should be 3/1/2022-12/31/2022.*
* *If facility’s regular Fiscal Year end is 3/31, then Period 1 should be 3/1/2020-3/31/2020; Period 2 should be 4/1/2020-3/31/2021; Period 3 should be 4/1/2021-3/31/2022; Period 4 should be 4/1/2022-12/31/2022.*
* *If facility’s regular Fiscal Year end is 6/30, then Period 1 should be 3/1/2020-6/30/2020; Period 2 should be 7/1/2020-6/30/2021; Period 3 should be 7/1/2021-6/30/2022; Period 4 should be 7/1/2022-12/31/2022.*
* *If facility’s regular Fiscal Year end is 9/30, then Period 1 should be 3/1/2020-9/30/2020; Period 2 should be 10/1/2020-9/30/2021; Period 3 should be 10/1/2021-9/30/2022; Period 4 should be 10/1/2022-12/31/2022.*
* *If facility’s regular Fiscal Year end is 10/31, then Period 1 should be 3/1/2020-10/31/2020; Period 2 should be 11/1/2020-10/31/2021; Period 3 should be 11/1/2021-10/31/2022; Period 4 should be 11/1/2022-12/31/2022.*
* *If facility’s regular Fiscal Year end is 12/31, then Period 1 should be 3/1/2020-12/31/2020; Period 2 should be 1/1/2021-12/31/2021;* ***skip “Period 3”****; Period 4 should be 1/1/2022-12/31/2022.*
* **Section II – Detail of Medi-Cal Revenue Received Related to COVID-19 PHE**

Use Section II on Schedule 3 to report the revenues related to COVID-19 PHE received from Medi-Cal.

Use lines 7 through 17 to report in detail the COVID-19 PHE revenue received from Medi-Cal, by **Period** (see **\*\*** above), to include G/L Account Number, Account Description, Revenue Amount, and Explanation. See the Examples provided in Section II of ***Schedule 3***.

* **Section III – Detail of Other Revenue Received Related to COVID-19 PHE**

Use Section III on Schedule 3 to report the revenues related to COVID-19 PHE received from funding sources other than Medi-Cal, including, but not limited to: any grant, loan, payment or other revenue received by the facility pursuant to any federal or state law related to the COVID-19 PHE, such as Provider Reimbursement Fund (PRF), Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loans, and other programs.

Use lines 18 through 38 to report in detail the COVID-19 PHE revenue received from other funding sources, by **Period** (see **\*\*** above), to include G/L Account Number, Account Description, Revenue Amount, and Explanation. See the Examples provided in Section III of ***Schedule 3***.

**Schedule 4 – Detail of Expenses Incurred for COVID-19 PHE Services**

Complete Schedule 4 to report COVID-19 PHE expenses incurred for the PHE period of 3/1/2020 to 12/31/2022.

Per Welfare and Institutions Code section 14126.032, “allowable costs shall include patient care, additional labor costs attributable to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency including, but not limited to, increased wages or benefits, shift incentive payments, staff retention bonuses, pay differential for workers employed by more than one facility, and overtime payments to nonmanagerial workers, and other appropriate costs that support the delivery of patient care, including, but not limited to, personal protective equipment, COVID-19 testing for any workers regardless of whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic, infection control measures and equipment, and additional staff training.”

Use lines 1 through 80 to report in detail the expenses incurred for COVID-19 PHE related services, excluding Non-Program expenses, by **Period** (see **\*\*** above), to include Cost Center No. (in which the expenses were grouped when filing MC530 cost report), G/L account number, Account Description, Expense Amount, and Explanation. Use Column 6 to indicate the amount claimed against a Funding Source other than Medi-Cal. For each COVID-19 PHE related services expense item reported on lines 1 through 80, use Column 7 to indicate the Funding Source associated with that expense by noting the corresponding line number from the “Covid-19 PHE Related Revenue” reported in Schedule 3, Sections II and III, Column 6. See the Examples provided in ***Schedule 4***. If an expense has more than one Funding Source, please break the expense item into multiple lines on Schedule 4 so that each line captures expenses mapped to one Funding Source. Use Column 8 to provide an explanation of the related expense. Please indicate if the expense is related to direct care.

If additional lines are needed, attach a separate schedule along with the Reporting Schedules and use line 80 to indicate the total expenses (included in the separate schedule) that are not included in lines 1 to 79. In addition, the separate schedule should entail Cost Center No. (in which the expenses were grouped when filing MC530 cost report), G/L account number, Account Description, Expense Amount, Explanation, and Funding Source.