

# Mental Health Plan and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Memoranda of Understanding with Managed Care Plans

*Behavioral Health Information Notices 23-056 & 23-057*

# Housekeeping



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# **Welcome & Introductions**



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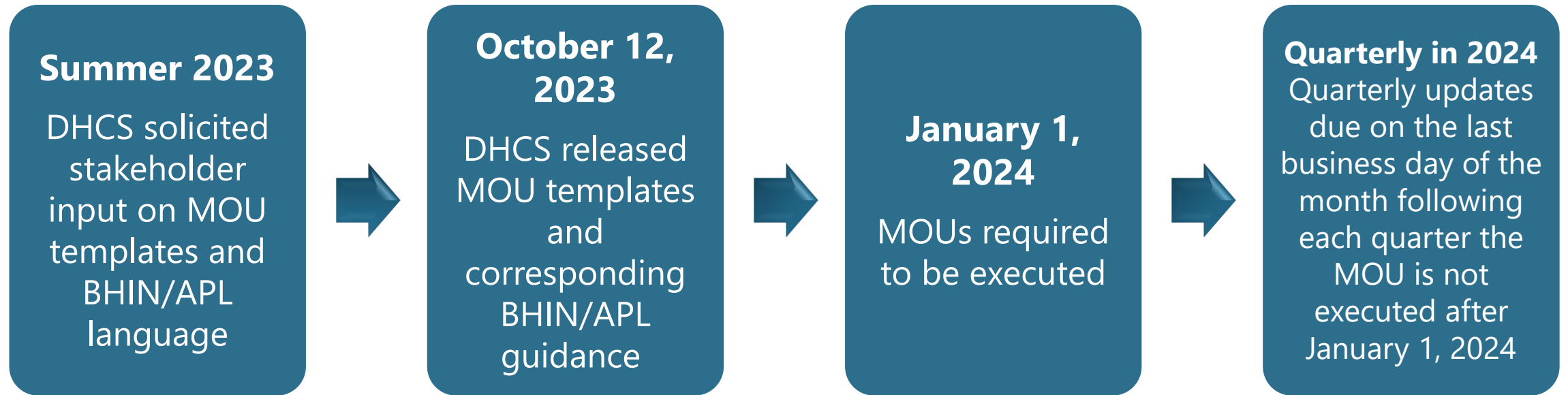
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# Agenda

- » Welcome, Housekeeping, and Introductions
- » Background & MHP and DMC-ODS/MCP MOU Guidance
- » MOU Templates & Implementation
- » Upcoming
- » Q&A

# Background and Timeline



# MOU Context

» MOUs MCPs must implement with partners by **1/1/2024**

Department	Program Services
County Behavioral Health Departments	Specialty Mental Health Services, SUD 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	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

# Base Guidance

## APL 23-029

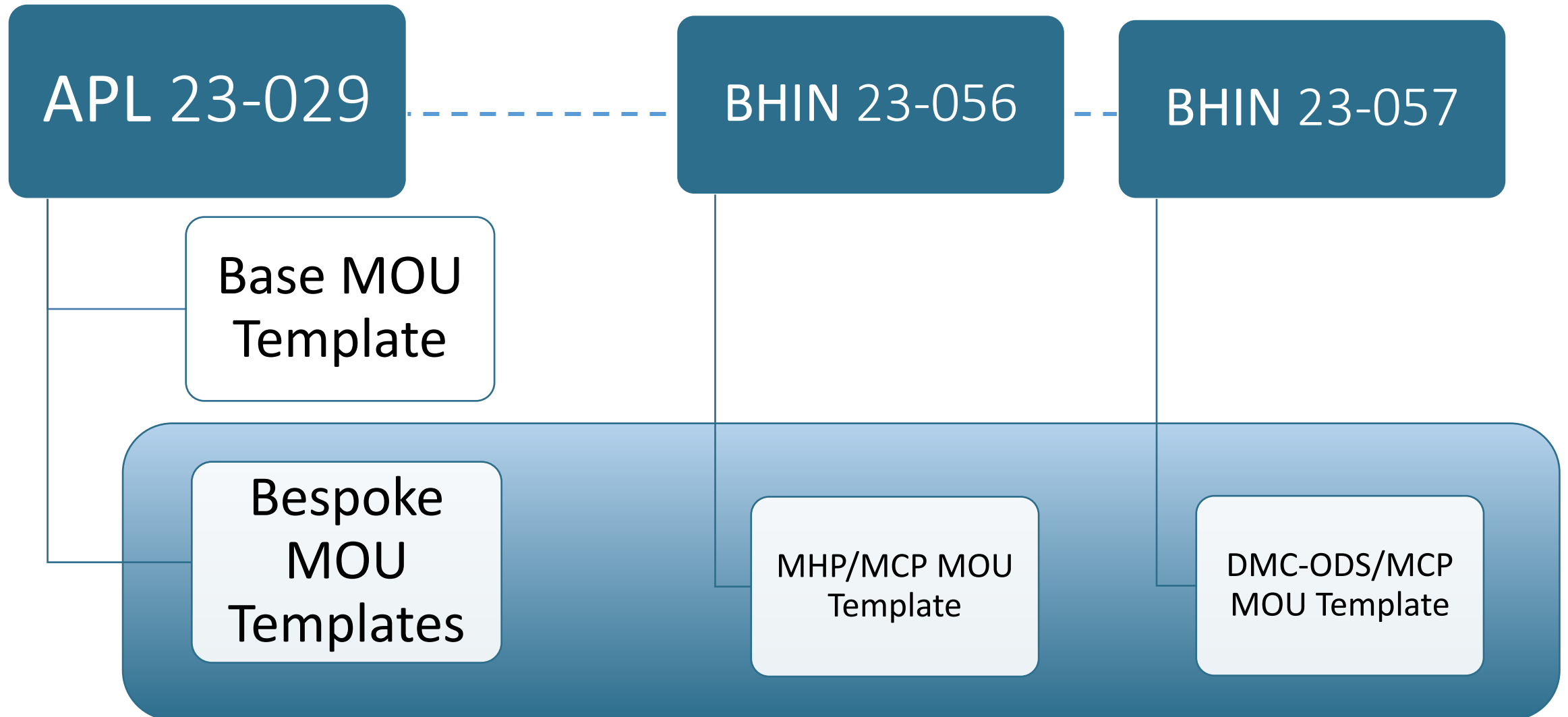
- Outlines requirements for all MOUs MCPs must implement by January 1, 2025
- MOUs with each party are meant to clarify roles and responsibilities, support local engagement, facilitate care coordination and information exchange , and improve transparency and accountability
- Minimum MOU components are tied to the MCP contract
- Does not impose requirements on the Other Party

## Base MOU Template

- General template with MCP obligations outlined
- General "Other Party" obligations outlined but not specific or tied to third party contract requirements



# MOU Guidance for MCPs and Counties



# MHP and DMC-ODS/MCP MOU Guidance

## BHIN 23-056 and BHIN 23-057

- Corresponds with and builds upon the Base APL (23-029) to address Mental Health Plan (MHP) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) specific requirements.
- Unlike APL, places requirements on MHPs and DMC-ODS counties, aligned with contract requirements

## Bespoke MHP and DMC-ODS MOU Templates

- Build on base MOU with MHP and DMC-ODS-specific requirements, in addition to MCP requirements
- Clarify roles and responsibilities between MHPs/DMC-ODS counties and MCPs in supporting local engagement, facilitating care coordination, and exchanging of information to improve referral processes between parties

# Diving Deeper: County MOU Templates



More prescriptive than & supersedes previous MOU guidance (APL 18-015)

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

Incorporate CalAIM initiatives, including Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports, No Wrong Door, Screening and Transition Tools, etc.

Requires increased care coordination and coordinated referrals

# MOU Implementation

## » MHPs and DMC-ODS counties shall:

- Make a good faith effort to execute an MOU(s) using the required templates with their respective MCP(s) by **January 1, 2024**
- Submit quarterly progress reports and documentation to DHCS via email at [MCBHOMDMonitoring@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:MCBHOMDMonitoring@dhcs.ca.gov) if unable to execute their MOUs by January 1, 2024
- Submit a fully executed MOU and an attestation to DHCS via email listed above.
- Submit a redlined version of the MOU for execution to DHCS for review and approval **if modifications are made to any of the provisions of the template**

## » Template language is not exhaustive

- Parties may agree to include additional provisions, provided they do not conflict with the required minimum provisions

# Clarifications

- » Other written agreements may exist between Parties but should not conflict with the provisions within the MOU
- » In preparation for BH Administrative Integration, MHPs and DMC-ODS Counties **may submit a single, integrated MOU** with their MCP, as long as all requirements of both templates are met
- » Multiple services or programs may be included under a single MOU
  - DHCS encourages multi-party MOUs which may include more than one MCP and/or Other Party signing, as long as the goals of the MOU can be fulfilled
- » MHP and DMC-ODS County network/contracted **providers are not required** to be a signatory to their delivery system's respective MOUs

# Upcoming

## » DMC State Plan Counties

- BHIN and MOU Template released for stakeholder feedback on **November 13, 2023**
- Final BHIN and MOU Template anticipated to be published by **December 30, 2023**
- More details to come

# Resources

- » Email [BHCalAIM@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:BHCalAIM@dhcs.ca.gov), [CountySupport@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:CountySupport@dhcs.ca.gov) or your county liaison
- » Website: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/MCPMOUS.aspx>
- » BHINs and templates:  
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/2023-BH-Information-Notices.aspx>
- » APLs:  
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/AllPlanLetters.aspx>

# Questions?

