

DATE: August 18, 2023

Behavioral Health Information Notice No: 23-038

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: Regional Average Rates For Non-Contract Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitals For Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24

PURPOSE: This Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) provides annual rate information for Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitals which do not have negotiated rates with a Mental Health Plan.

REFERENCE: California Code of Regulations Title 9, Section 1820.115

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Health Care Services is responsible for annually updating regional rates for Fee-for-Service/Medi-Cal hospitals which do not have an existing contract with a Mental Health Plan. This BHIN provides the methodology for determining the rates and an enclosure with the FY 2023-24 regional rates.

POLICY:

Per California Code of Regulations Title 9, Section 1820.115, the Department of Health Care Services shall determine the reimbursement rates for acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services for each Fee-for-Service/Medi-Cal hospital which does not have an existing contract with any Mental Health Plan.

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The per diem rate by accommodation code shall equal the weighted average rate negotiated for all Fee-for-Service/Medi-Cal hospitals within the five Rate Regions. If there are no hospitals with negotiated rates within the Rate Region, the weighted average negotiated rate for all Fee-for-Service/Medi-Cal hospitals statewide are used.

The per diem rates include routine and all hospital-based ancillary services but exclude professional services. Enclosed is the table displaying the regional average noncontract rates for FY 2023-24.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact BHFSOps@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure