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Proposition 56 Value-Based Payment Behavioral Health Integration Program

Dear Providers,

On Behalf of California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Kern Health Systems (KHS) is administering the Proposition 56 Value-Based Payment (VBP) Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Program. The objective of the Program is to improve physical and behavioral health outcomes, care delivery efficiency and patient experience by establishing or expanding fully integrated care using culturally and linguistically appropriate teams with expertise in primary care, substance use disorder conditions and mental health conditions who deliver coordinated comprehensive care for the whole patient. To integrate primary care, mental health and substance abuse and ensure coordination of care for all services in order to identify behavioral health diagnoses early, allowing rapid treatment and improve medical and behavioral health outcomes for those with co-occurring physical and behavioral health conditions.

This program is open to Primary care, specialty care, perinatal care, hospital based and behavioral health providers. Interested providers must complete the BHI project application and return it to KHS no later than **5 p.m. PT on January 21, 2020**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. In order for this application to be considered complete for the purposes of submission, all components of the application must be completed, the application must be signed, and the three attachments below must be included:

1. Detailed budget for the applicant's defined milestones and associated proposed incentive funding.
2. Letter of support from their county mental health managed care plan, if the selected BHI project addresses SMI or requires coordination with county mental health.
3. Letter of support from their county substance use disorder managed care plan or substance use disorder fee-for-service program. This attachment is only required if the selected BHI project addresses SUD.
4. An executed *DHCS Behavioral Health Integration Incentive Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)*

The application review process and timing is as follows:

Timeline for VBP BHI Program	
Application release date	11/12/19
DHCS conducts webinar for potential applicants	11/22/2019
Applications due to respective managed care plan	1/21/20



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Plans provide DHCS with proposed applications for approval	2/18/20
DHCS award date	3/18/20
BHI projects go-live	4/1/20
Program effective dates	4/1/20-12/31/22

Below is a list of allowable Behavioral Health Integration Projects (can select up to six projects) that can be applied in either a pediatric, adolescent and/or an adult practice:

1. Behavioral Health Integration for Beginners
2. Maternal Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Screening and Treatment
3. Medication Management for Beneficiaries with Co-occurring Chronic Medical and Behavioral Diagnoses
4. Diabetes Screening and Treatment for People with Serious Mental Illness
5. Improving Follow-Up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness
6. Improving Follow-Up after Emergency Department Visit for Behavioral Health Diagnosis

Below is the target population goal, practice redesign considerations and performance measures for each Behavioral Health Integration Project. Please note, the practice redesign considerations are just overall guidance on practice redesign components to consider when putting together their Behavioral Health Integration Project Plan.

- Patient Identification and Diagnosis
- Engagement in Integrated Care Program
- Evidence-Based Treatment
- Systematic Follow-up, Treatment Adjustment, and Relapse Prevention
- Communication and Care Coordination
- Systematic Psychiatric Case Review and Consultation
- Program Oversight and Quality Improvement
- Strategies and practice redesign components that can increase your Level of Integration

For any questions, please feel free to contact Amisha Pannu, Provider Relations Manager, Special Programs (Direct: 661-664-5157; email: Amisha.pannu@khs-net.com).

Sincerely,
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