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### **Medi-Cal Provider Enrollment for Qualified Autism Service (QAS) Providers and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)**

Dear Provider,

On March 14, 2025, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) conducted a public stakeholder webinar to introduce two new regulatory provider bulletins that directly impact enrollment procedures for Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) service providers. Kern Health Systems (KHS) is providing this important update to ensure you are informed of the new Medi-Cal enrollment opportunities for Qualified Autism Service (QAS) provider organizations, QAS individuals, and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs).

#### **Enrollment for QAS Provider Organizations and Individuals**

Beginning **May 5, 2025**, QAS provider organizations and individuals delivering behavioral health treatment services are eligible to apply for enrollment in the Medi-Cal program.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the **Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment (PAVE)** portal and must include all required supporting documentation.

- Applications submitted between **May 5 and June 30, 2025**, that meet all program requirements will receive an **effective enrollment date of July 1, 2025**.
- Applications submitted **after June 30, 2025**, will be assigned an effective date based on the date received, contingent upon meeting all enrollment criteria.

Once enrolled, QAS providers will be authorized to bill for BHT services provided **on or after July 1, 2025**, for Medi-Cal members under the age of 21 who receive fee-for-service Medi-Cal.

#### **Established Place of Business (EPOB) Requirement:**

- QAS providers must currently maintain an EPOB in compliance with Title 22, CCR, Section 51000.60.
- Upcoming regulatory changes will allow home-based BCBA's to enroll without an EPOB.
- A 120-day grace period will be granted once this change is implemented.

***Note: BCBA's contracted with managed care plans who lack an EPOB are not required to enroll at this time.***

#### **Enrollment for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)**

DHCS has also revised Medi-Cal enrollment procedures for **Community-Based Organizations, Local Health Jurisdictions, and County Children and Families Commissions** providing BHT services.

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As of **May 5, 2025**, CBOs may apply for initial enrollment or submit supplemental applications to offer BHT services delivered by QAS providers, professionals, and paraprofessionals.

- Applications submitted between **May 5 and June 30, 2025**, and found compliant with all requirements, will receive an **effective enrollment date of July 1, 2025**.
- Applications received **after June 30, 2025**, will receive an effective date based on the submission date, pending full compliance.

Enrolled CBOs may begin billing for eligible BHT services delivered on or after **July 1, 2025**, to Medi-Cal members under 21 years old with fee-for-service coverage.

### Deadline for Existing Providers

All existing providers must complete Medi-Cal enrollment by December 31, 2025.

### Additional Information

Providers are encouraged to visit the **DHCS PAVE website** for detailed enrollment guidelines, documentation requirements, and access to the online application system.

- <https://mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/references/provider-enrollment>
- <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/QAS-Stakeholder-Hearing-Q-and-A-3-14-2025.aspx>
- <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/QAS-Provider-Organizations-and-QAS-Individuals-and-CBOs-Offering-BHT-Services-Medi-Cal-Enrollment.aspx>

[Provider Bulletins](#) are available on the [KHS website](#). Please visit the site regularly to stay informed about the latest updates and announcements.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000, silent prompt option #5.

Sincerely,

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