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CalHIVE BHI Connect – August 2025

It is a season of change for our CalHIVE BHI program.

- **Jose Ordonez** has departed PBGH/CQC to pursue an exciting new opportunity in health care in the Bay Area. [Anna Baer](#) will be the point of contact for all data submissions and questions going forward.
- As of August 14, **Daniela Hernandez** will be departing her role at the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association and with that, her relationship with CalHIVE BHI. Improvement Advisor changes have been communicated directly with impacted organizations.

We will miss both Jose and Daniela for their contributions to our team and our program, celebrate all they have accomplished, and wish them the best on their next chapter.

Our goal is a smooth transition, but thank you in advance for your patience as our team supports you all. Reach out to [Kristina](#) with any questions.



Learning Events

Our next CalHIVE BHI Commons:
Sustainability Section 1 – Billing will be Tuesday, August 12 (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.). During the webinar, we will be releasing Section 1 of the Sustainability Plan, an assignment designed to guide CalHIVE BHI participants as they plan for long term sustainability of their behavioral integration programs and Year 3 program deliverables. If you have questions after the webinar, please reach out to your IA.

Data

Thank you to all teams for working to submit your Cycle 5 global and pilot site data. For the teams who have passed validation, your Cycle 5 data is now reflected in the [Tableau performance dashboards](#). We appreciate your continued commitment to the data submission process. Please reach out to [Anna Baer](#) with any questions.

Improvement Advising

We are excited to share an updated version of the [BHI Billing and Payment Codes Guide](#). Please pay special attention to the 2026 changes in **green** and additional codes that can be leveraged in BHI. Review the updated Guide as a team and reach out to your Improvement Advisor with any questions.

Resource Spotlight: CQC Webinar – Meeting Youth Behavioral Health Needs – Successful Practices in Primary Care

You have all been invited to join us on Wednesday, September 17 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for CQC’s webinar, [Meeting Youth Behavioral Health Needs – Successful Practices in Primary Care](#). During the session, we will have the opportunity to:

- Highlight adaptive solutions and resources for organizations implementing BHI for children and youth
- Share proven practices from subject matter expert, Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego
- Identify one new learning about integrated care for children and youth

Please register using the link in the Outlook invitation.

Policy Updates and Highlights

Policy Update: SB 1024 – New Requirements for BBS Licenses

Starting January 1, 2025, California’s SB 1024 introduces important updates for

behavioral health providers licensed by the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS).

- Telehealth License Display: Providers are no longer required to physically display their license or registration during telehealth sessions.
- Client Notification Requirement (Effective July 1, 2025): All *new clients* initiating psychotherapy must receive a written notice that includes:
 - Provider's full name (as filed with BBS)
 - License or registration number
 - Type of license (e.g., LCSW, LMFT)
 - Expiration date of the license
 - Notice must be in at least 12-point font and provided before or as soon as practicably possible after services begin

These changes aim to improve transparency and streamline compliance across care settings. Provider organizations should begin reviewing onboarding workflows and documentation templates to ensure alignment with the new requirements.

For more details, visit [American Psychological Association guide](#).

Proposed Behavioral Health Updates (CY 2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule)

Three key [CMS proposals](#) related to behavioral health integration (BHI), if passed, will take effect January 1, 2026. While some updates target FQHCs/RHCs, they may influence broader BHI efforts over

time. You may want to share the commenting opportunity with any policy teams at your organizations.

- New Add-On G-Codes Supplementing Advanced Primary Care management:
 - Collaborative Care Model (CoCM)
 - General BHI services
 - Psychiatry-adjacent care delivered in primary care settings
- Telehealth & Supervision Flexibilities
 - Real-time audio/video supervision permanently allowed for behavioral health and select services
 - Telehealth billing flexibilities for FQHCs and RHCs extended through 2026
 - CMS clarified Digital Mental Health Treatment (DMHT) is *not* telehealth, as it's inherently non-face-to-face
- Efficiency Adjustment
 - Time-based behavioral health codes (e.g., psychotherapy, care management) *excluded* from the proposed -2.5% efficiency adjustment
 - Preserves reimbursement levels for BH services

Comment Deadline: September 12, 2025



Upcoming Events

View all CalHIVE BHI Events in the [Q3 2025 Learning Sprint](#). All meeting materials are posted on the [CalHIVE BHI Program Website](#). Questions on upcoming events or invitations? Contact Anna Baer abaer@pbgh.org

- Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – CalHIVE BHI Commons: Sustainability Section 1 – Billing
- Tuesday, September 9, 2025 – CalHIVE BHI Commons: Sustainability Section 2 – BHI Culture
- Tuesday, September 11, 2025 – Data Webinar – Cycle 6
- Wednesday, September 17, 2025 – [OPT] CQC Webinar – [Meeting Youth Behavioral Health Needs – Successful Practices in Primary Care](#)
- Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – [OPT] Cal – IN Peer Group Meeting

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