

COMPLIANCE BULLETIN

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POLICY NOTICE

- ❖ Policy Being Summarized
CalAIM Documentation Manual
for Outpatient Services
- ❖ CB- CalAIM Documentation
Manual
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CalAIM Documentation Manual for Outpatient Services Specialty Mental Health and DMC-ODS Services

Medi-Cal is undergoing substantial reforms, through its California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, to improve the quality of life and health outcomes for persons served enrolled in the program.

With the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) at the helm of the CalAIM initiative, the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is committed to providing persons served with access to equitable, integrated, cost effective, and high-quality health care across the Mental Health Plan (MHP). This will be done by improving access and coordination among the DBH system of care, with the Health Care Plans and other treating partners.

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) has released two **Clinical Documentation Manuals** for both Outpatient Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) and Outpatient Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Services (DMC-ODS). These manuals provide documentation standards per the changes under CalAIM and specific to Clinical staff in Behavioral Health.

In addition, the manuals address care coordination efforts between the MHP/ DMC-ODS and Managed Care Plan (MCP) service delivery systems and describes requirements for clinical documentation and claims reimbursement for SMHS and DMC-ODS provided to persons served. Both manuals cover many important topics. They are designed to support, and guide licensed, registered, and waived practitioners to navigate through the CalAIM transformation of the delivery system. They are comprehensive and may be utilized as a full orientation to behavioral health under CalAIM for new staff.

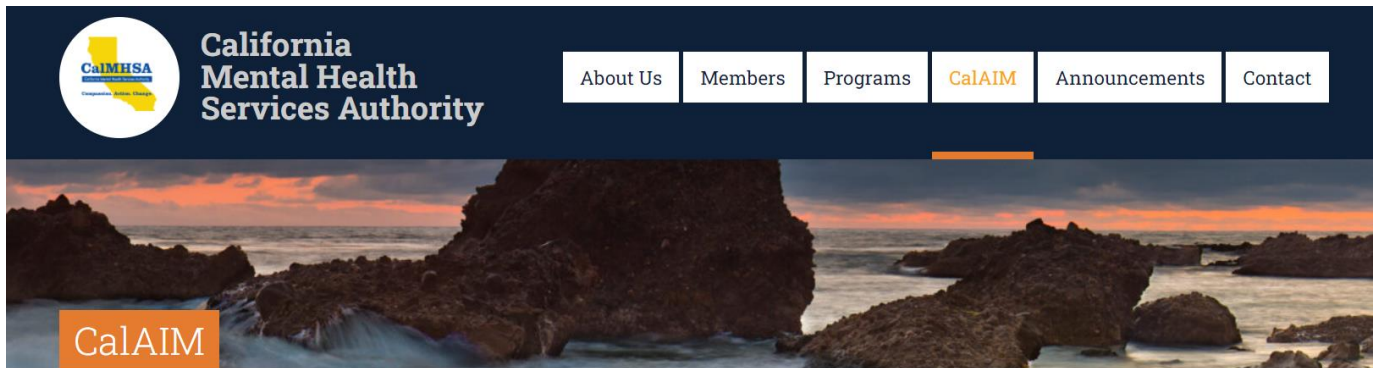
The standards provided in the manuals will be effective on **July 1, 2022**. To prepare for the implementation of the upcoming changes, please review the Clinical Documentation Manual for Outpatient SMHS by clicking [here](#) and the Clinical Documentation Manual for Outpatient DMC and DMC-ODS by clicking [here](#).

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You may find these manuals on the CalMHSA webpage, under “CalAIM”. Soon, CalMHSA will publish additional Documentation Manuals providing guidance to Medical Staff, Alcohol and Drug Counselors and Peer Support Specialists. Fresno County DBH will inform you when these are available.



Documentation Guides

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Clinical Staff: [Click here!](#)

Medical Staff: Coming Soon!

Mental Health Rehabilitation Staff and Others:
Coming Soon!

Peer Support Specialists: Coming Soon!

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Alcohol & Drug Counselors: Coming Soon!

Clinical Staff: [Click here!](#)

Medical Staff: Coming Soon!

Peer Support Specialists: Coming Soon!

Please consult with your clinical supervisor for any questions or concerns.

WHAT'S NEXT: Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health will share available CalAIM Documentation Webinars. Please look for additional Compliance Bulletins to be posted very soon.

Other important links:

[BHIN 22-011 No Wrong Door for Mental Health Services Policy](#)

[BHIN 22-019 Documentation requirements for all Specialty Mental Health Services \(SMHS\), Drug Medi-Cal \(DMC\), and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System \(DMC-ODS\) services](#)

[BHIN 22-013 Code Selection during assessment period for outpatient behavioral health services](#)

[BHIN 21-073 Criteria for beneficiary access to Specialty Mental Health Services \(SMHS\), medical necessity and other coverage requirements](#)