

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced that it will use Prop 56 funds for a Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Incentive Program. The program is intended to provide funding to providers to incentivize the improvement of physical and behavioral health outcomes, care delivery efficiency, and patient experience by establishing or expanding fully integrated care in a Medi-Cal Managed Health Care Plan's (MCP) network.

Interested providers must apply through one of the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs) in the county they are interested in by 5:00 pm PST on January 21, 2020.

Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance) has created an in-box for all application related questions and for the submission of applications. **Please submit any questions and the final application to BHI@alamedaalliance.org.** Additional updates and information from the Alliance will be **available here**. Questions for DHCS should be sent to DHCS-BHIIPA@dhcs.ca.gov.

Eligible Providers

Medi-Cal providers that are eligible to apply for funding under the BHI Incentive Program include primary care, specialty care, perinatal care, and hospital-based and behavioral health providers. These provider types can include Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)/Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Indian Health Services and public and county-based providers. All applicants must have a signed MCP network provider agreement.

Key Dates

- January 21, 2020: BHI Incentive Applications Due to Alameda Alliance for Health, submit your completed application to BHI@alamedaalliance.org.
- February 18, 2020: Alliance submits scoring of BHI applications due to the DHCS
- March 18, 2020: Evaluations and MOUs are finalized, and applicants notified of results
- April 1, 2020- December 31, 2022: Behavioral Health Integration Incentive Program Period

Project Options

There are 6 project options available and applicants can choose one or more of these options to develop the application:

1. Basic Behavioral Health Integration
2. Maternal Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Screening and Treatment
3. Medication Management for Beneficiaries with Cooccurring 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

Steps in the Application Process

Applications received by the Alliance by the deadline will be reviewed and scored using the **Selection Criteria** required by DHCS. Once DHCS has reviewed the scored applications and informed the Alliance of its funding allocations the selected applicants will be contacted. Approved applications will include the signed MOU and so that implementation can begin on April 1, 2020.

Additional Resources

The DHCS **website** has information on the process, the application, and the selection criteria. Additionally, links to the stakeholder **webinar recording** and **presentation slides** are also available for reference.