



<b>To:</b>	<b>BHS Contracted Short-Term Residential Therapeutic (STRTP) Service Providers</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>Behavioral Health Services</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>July 1, 2023</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>STRTPs Capturing Documentation and Travel Time</b>

### Overview

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal, or CalAIM, is a transformational plan to modernize the State's Medicaid program. The next step in the implementation [timeline](#) is the launch of behavioral health payment reform and a transition to Common Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes.

**As of July 1, 2023**, contracted mental health treatment programs will begin using CPT codes to capture services under CalAIM, as referenced in **County of San Diego BHS Information Notice issued May 19, 2023: Payment Reform CPT Crosswalk for Specialty Mental Health Services, revised May 20, 2023**. The code captures Direct Client Care time and does not include time for travel or documentation of services.

### Instructions for STRTPs

**It is critical that STRTPs continue to capture and record documentation and travel time** that is connected to a direct client service in order to be reimbursed before transitioning to a fixed price contract under payment reform, when that time will be built into the rates. This feature is optional but necessary for STRTPs interested in reimbursement for that time as it was managed prior to July 1, 2023. The Total Units of Service (TUOS) will be updated to add rows to reflect the travel and documentation time, and STRTPs will be able to pull that forward into their monthly invoice.

### References:

- [DHCS BHIN 23-013 CalAIM Behavioral Health Payment Reform Readiness Checklist](#)
- [2023-05-20-BHS Provider Memo - Payment Reform CPT for SMHS](#)

### For More Information:

- Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)