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*Providing Mental Health, Environmental Health, Public Conservator,
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From: Jenine Miller, Psy.D., Director of Health Services

Subject: April Fee Hearing – Behavioral Health Fees

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) provides a comprehensive system of care focused on specialty mental health and substance misuse treatment services, including prevention, early intervention, outpatient treatment, inpatient treatment, medication management, residential, withdrawal management, crisis response, therapy, case management, and recovery support services. These services are designed to support individuals across the lifespan and promote wellness, recovery, and stability.

Behavioral Health fees are established by the California Department of Health Care Services. For Specialty Mental Health services, the County negotiates rates with contracted providers using the State established fee as a benchmark, with the general expectation that providers receive approximately 75% of the State rate.

For Substance Use Disorder services, reimbursement is structured under a Per User Per Month (PUPM) model as part of the regional model.

Behavioral Health also utilizes State established rates to determine self-pay charges and offers a sliding fee scale based on an individual's ability to pay, ensuring that services remain accessible to all residents regardless of financial status.