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2025 Behavioral Health Scholarship Program Grant Guide ADDENDUM for Fiscal Year 2025-26

This addendum shall be part of the Grant Guide documents. All conditions not affected by this addendum shall remain unchanged.

UPDATE (in bold and strikethrough text)

ADDENDUM 1

Update to Section I: Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (BHSP) Grant Information on page 3 to read:

Background and Mission

The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) administers and supports health workforce programs that expand the quality and diversity of health professionals. One avenue by which HCAI provides support is through individual financial aid, such as scholarships to those seeking training and education in the healthcare workforce.

The purpose of the Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (BHSP) is to increase the number of trained behavioral health professionals providing direct care to individuals and groups with behavioral health needs in underserved communities.

BHSP provides scholarships to behavioral health trainees and students seeking to become behavioral health practitioners through a certificate, associate, bachelor, master and/or doctoral degree program. These awards carry with them a 12-month service obligation to provide direct care in an eligible facility and/or agency that delivers services in an underserved community.

- Associate and bachelor level undergraduate students are eligible for scholarships of up to **\$35,000**.
- Certificate and graduate students are eligible for scholarships of up to **\$25,000**.
- **Medi-Cal Certified Peer Support Specialist for scholarships of up to \$5,000.**

ADDENDUM 2

Update to Section I: Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (BHSP) Grant Information,
Category: Award Amount on page 6 to read:

Award Amount

The maximum award amount for the Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (BHSP) is **\$35,000** for undergraduate applicants ~~and~~ **\$25,000** for certificate and graduate applicants **and \$5,000 for a Peer Support Specialists Certification**. HCAI may award full, partial, or no funding to an applicant based on the applicant's success in meeting the selection criteria and the amount of available funds. Applicants will not be awarded more than their actual cost of attendance for one year of the program.