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**Medi-Cal Behavioral Health
Recruitment and Retention Program (MBH-RRP)
Grant Guide ADDENDUM
Grant Guide for Grant Year 2026
June 11, 2026**

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

UPDATE (in bold and strikethrough text)

Update Award Funding on page 3 to read:

Awarded programs shall use the funding solely for:

1. Recruitment and retention bonuses
2. Recruitment bonuses for students completing their education
3. Licensure/Certification Achievement or Maintenance Payments
4. Supervision support for pre-licensure or pre-certification hours
5. Training support and backfill payments
6. ~~Licensure/ certification related expenses~~

Update Eligible Funding Categories for Organizational Applicants on page 7 to read:

As an organizational applicant, you may apply for funding for one or more of **these five** ~~six~~ categories:

1. Recruitment and retention bonuses
2. Recruitment bonuses for students completing training
3. Licensure/certification achievement or maintenance payments
4. Supervision support for pre-licensure or pre-certification hours
5. Training support and backfill payments
6. ~~Licensure/certification related expenses~~

~~All funding described in Sections A through E below must ultimately be paid to individual behavioral health practitioners. Funds shall not be paid to third party contractors or service providers for any reason.~~

Funds shall not be paid to third party administrators or third-party vendors. All Recruitment and retention bonuses, Recruitment bonuses for students completing training, and licensure/certification achievement or maintenance payments, must ultimately be paid to individual behavioral health practitioners.

Update Full-time Service Obligation Requirement on page 19 to read:

For purposes of the service obligation, the following definitions are used:

1. Full-Time Service: Defined as a minimum of 32 hours per week providing direct client care at an approved practice site or 30 hours per week providing direct client care at an approved practice site that is in a school setting.
2. Direct Client Care: Defined as face-to-face care, telehealth-based care, and first-line supervision. This includes behavioral health services such as prevention, early intervention, assessment, treatment, counseling, procedures, patient selfcare, patient education, and documentation relating to encounters with patients being treated with, or suspected of needing, behavioral health services.
3. First-line Supervision: Defined as providing direct supervision over staff providing direct client care. Individual awardees may have up to four weeks a year away from their MBH-RRP approved practice site for vacation, holidays, continuing professional education, illness, or any other reason as approved by their site. This provision shall not apply to school vacations during which the individual awardee is practicing at an approved practice site that is in a school setting.

The definitions for Full-Time Service and Direct Client Care are meant to clarify eligibility for the BH-CONNECT Workforce Initiative and are not intended to set a productivity standard for billable hours. Practitioners are ineligible if they work less than full time in direct behavioral health services or if part of their full-time role includes administrative duties rather than direct client care.

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