

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.39  
(ID # 27278)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, May 06, 2025

FROM : RUHS-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Ratify and Approve Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health to Establish Rate for Providing Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Training and Specialized Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Trainings. All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve the rate payable to Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) for reimbursement of costs related to the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Training and associated specialized trainings.

ACTION:Policy


  
Matthew Chang, Director 3/6/2025

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: May 6, 2025  
xc: RUHS-BH

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:  Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 24/25 – 25/26	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) operates a continuum of care system that consists of County-operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health treatment services within each geographic region of Riverside County.

In September 2020, Senate Bill 803 was passed, requiring the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to seek federal approval to establish the Peer Support Specialist as a distinct mental health service provider. DHCS contracted with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to serve as the certifying entity for the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists certification program. CalMHSA monitors training vendors, administers the certification exam, and submits data collection to DHCS.

On January 7, 2022, RUHS-BH was selected by CalMHSA as a training vendor for the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Training through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

In 2022, the Board of Supervisors authorized RUHS-BH to enter into an agreement with CalMHSA to provide the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Training and to pursue future agreements with CalMHSA for specialized trainings. In 2023, the Board of Supervisors further authorized RUHS-BH to provide Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialization Trainings. Additionally, CalMHSA issued scholarship vouchers to eligible individuals, covering the costs of certification and training at a rate of \$1,600 per participant, through December 31, 2023.

With the scholarships now fully utilized, contracted providers and the general public are required to pay for training on a per-course, per-participant basis for applicable application, exam, and training costs. As an authorized Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification entity, RUHS-BH may accept reimbursement to support the cost associated with the trainings provided to contractors and general public.

Therefore, RUHS-BH requests that the Board of Supervisors approve the acceptance of funds from contracted providers and the public to reimburse costs incurred by RUHS-BH in delivering the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Training, as well as specialized

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trainings detailed in Attachment A. RUHS-BH seeks compensation on a per-course, per-participant basis, not to exceed the amounts specified in the approved fee schedule.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

These services are a component of Behavioral Health's system of care aimed at improving the health and safety of consumers and the community.

Board approval of the recommended actions will allow RUHS-BH to continue to be a part of the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program to provide quality peer support services aimed at improving the wellbeing of consumers, enhance the skill development of contracted service providers in the role of Peer Support, expand the availability of certified peers, and allow for services to be billed to Medi-Cal.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The fee methodology has been reviewed and approved by the Riverside County Auditor-Controller's Office. No additional County funds are required.

**ATTACHMENT A**

<b>In-Person Course Name</b>	<b>FY 2024/2025</b>	<b>FY 2025/2026</b>
	<b>Cost Per Participant</b>	<b>Cost Per Participant</b>
Medi-Cal Certification Training	Course- \$794 Application- \$100 Exam- \$150	Course- \$825 Application- \$100 Exam- \$150
Parent, Caregiver, and Family Member Specialized Training	\$417	\$435
Justice Involved Specialized Training	\$417	\$435
Crisis Care Specialized Training	\$417	\$435
Unhoused Specialized Training	\$417	\$435
<b>Hybrid Course Name</b>	<b>FY 2024/2025</b>	<b>FY 2025/2026</b>
	<b>Cost Per Participant</b>	<b>Cost Per Participant</b>
Medi-Cal Certification Training	Course- \$398 Application- \$100 Exam- \$150	Course- \$413 Application- \$100 Exam- \$150
Parent, Caregiver, and Family Member Specialized Training	\$292	\$294
Justice Involved Specialized Training	\$292	\$294
Crisis Care Specialized Training	\$292	\$294

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Unhoused Specialized Training	\$292	\$294
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4/29/2025

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4/9/2025