COMPLIANCE BULLETIN

Fresno County Behavioral Health

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POLICY NOTICE

- Policy Being Summarized
 Notice of Fee Increase for
 SUD Licensing and
 Certification
- **❖** CB-043
- **❖** Effective date: 07/01/2025
- Policy created by: Bulletins and News, Compliance Bulletins
- **This notice is intended for:**
- DBH Operated MH Programs
- **◯** DBH Operated SUD Programs
- DBH Administration
- Contract MH Providers
- Contract SUD Providers
- **☐** Prescribers

Effective **July 1, 2025**, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will increase licensing and certification fees for residential and outpatient Substance Use Disorder (SUD) recovery or treatment facilities by 20%. This is part of a cumulative fee increase of up to 75% by FY 2026-27 to fund activities such as application processing, compliance reviews, investigations, and provider support. Facilities with expiration dates on or after July 1, 2025, that already paid fees will be invoiced for the difference and must pay the additional amount within 60 days. Payments can be made online via Automated Clearing House (ACH) or by mail.

HOW TO COMPLY:

- Review your facility's licensing or certification status and upcoming expiration date.
- If applicable, pay the additional fee balance within 60 days of receiving DHCS's invoice.
- Use one of the following payment methods:
 - o Online: Visit the <u>DHCS EFT portal</u> → Select "Licensing and Certification Division" and follow ACH payment instructions.
 - o By Mail: Submit payment to DHCS along with your application.
- If applicable, apply for a hardship fee waiver following the process and eligibility requirements in BHIN 24-036.

See <u>BHIN No. 25-017</u> for the updated licensing and certification fees and contact the DHCS Licensing and Certification Division for any questions or assistance.