



What's New!

QM Updates

Release Date: September 1, 2023

Effective Now!

- [Avatar NX Updates](#) has been updated!

Coming Soon!

- None.

New/Updated Policies

- BBS Updates

Billing for Graduate Student Interns

Effective Now

Who: All Staff

Details: Under the recently implemented CalAIM Payment Reform, graduate student interns (those currently in school pursuing an MSW, MFT, etc.) are no longer able to bill for therapy services (e.g. individual therapy, family therapy). Counties have expressed concerns about this to DHCS and DHCS is currently investigating this issue. We will notify staff as soon as we hear updates from DHCS regarding this matter. Until then, please have these staff use billing codes that are currently listed as under their scope of practice on pages 7-12 of the [Service Code Cheat Sheet](#).

Co-signature Pop Up

Effective Now

Who: All Staff who use Avatar for Documentation Purposes

Details: The previous co-signature function in the old Avatar had to be replaced with a new function that is available in NX; however, this NX function results in a Document Routing pop-up showing up when any staff finalize a progress note, regardless of if co-signature is required. Please read page 43 of the updated [Avatar NX Updates](#) document for instructions on how to bypass this.

CFT Code Update

Effective Now

Who: All Mental Health Staff

Details: The previous version of the Service Code Cheat sheet *incorrectly* stated that **CFTICC_CA** code was to be used for TFC services. Please note that the **CFTICC_CA** code should be used for CFT services – clients do not have to be receiving TFC services to receive CFT services. Our [Service Code Cheat Sheet](#) has been updated to reflect this correction.

BBS Updates

Available Now

Who: All Staff

Details:

This is a courtesy notice regarding updates from the BBS regarding changes to regulations/requirements for those pursuing licensure or are currently licensed through the BBS. Many of the changes noted below were effective as of July 1, 2023. Please review information in the links. Again, this is a courtesy notice – Staff should always maintain full responsibility in checking the BBS website themselves on a regular basis to ensure that they are up-to-date on all BBS requirements.

[BBS Spring Newsletter \(May 2023\)](#)

[Continuing Education Regulation Changes](#)

[Additional Coursework Changes for Individuals Pursuing LCSW, LMFT, or LPCC Licensure](#)