

**County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
Office of Integrated Care**

**Guidelines for LEGAL ENTITY Contract Providers
TIER 2 Claiming for Services to Healthy Way L.A. Clients
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Legal Entity (LE) contract agencies will claim services provided to Healthy Way L.A. (HWLA) enrollees, or individuals who meet criteria for HWLA Matched Program Pending, using existing procedure codes and rates (see exceptions/limitations related to Tier 2 group and medication services in the LE Agreement Service Exhibit for Mental Health Integration Program (MHIP) Model for Adults (19-64 Years of Age)).

If a client is subsequently determined to have been ineligible for HWLA at the time of service due to receiving retroactive Medi-Cal covering the period of service, the LE may void and re-bill those services to Medi-Cal provided there are available matched funds in the contract, the services are Medi-Cal-claimable, and documentation meets the standards outlined in the Organizational Provider's Manual. If the Tier 2 Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) evidence-based practice (EBP) is MHIP, the Medi-Cal services can continue to be claimed to the PEI Special Programs IS Plan. **If the Tier 2 PEI EBP used is something other than MHIP, the Medi-Cal services must be claimed to the appropriate PEI age group IS Plan.**

If a client is determined to lack or have lost HWLA eligibility, the LE can continue to provide services to that client, and claim to the PEI Special Programs IS Plan, to the extent they have unmatched funds available and continuation of services is clinically appropriate.

If the client meets the following Tier 2 criteria:

The client's mental health problem or concern is early in its manifestation and/or has been previously untreated.

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The client has mild to moderate functional impairment in one or more essential roles (difficulty keeping a job, risk of losing housing, unstable relationships, etc.) AND meets medical necessity criteria.

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The client can benefit from a time-limited, focused evidence-based practice.

Then provide Tier 2 services using the Claiming and Outcome Measurement Application (OMA) rules outlined below:

