



**Substance Abuse Prevention and Control**  
**Behavioral Health Payment Reform FY 2025-26**  
**Value-Based Incentives**  
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**Key Value-Based Incentives (VBI) Updates and Deadlines**

**Electronic Invoice Submission Guide and Form:**

The [VBI Electronic Submission Form](#) is new to Fiscal Year 2025-26 and will be used to submit all VBI deliverables and invoices. In previous years, provider agencies submitted these materials via email. With this new system, materials are submitted electronically, allowing for submissions to be tracked more efficiently. The electronic form also includes built-in prompts to help guide individuals through requirements specific to the activity, reducing confusion and ensuring completeness.

Please review the [FY 2025-26 Electronic Submission Form Guide](#) for detailed instructions on accessing and completing the form. When your agency's [VBI invoice form](#) and deliverables are ready, please submit them through the [VBI Electronic Submission Form](#). The [VBI Electronic Form](#) and [Submission Guide](#) is available on the FY 2025-26 [VBI](#) website, located under the [Resources](#) tab in the Guidance Documents, Invoice, and Forms section.

**Important Notice:** All VBI invoices and deliverables must be submitted via the electronic form. Email submissions will not be accepted. If you encounter any issues completing the electronic form, please contact [DPH-SAPC-VBI@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:DPH-SAPC-VBI@ph.lacounty.gov)

**VBI Deadlines and Communications Website:**

The VBI Deadlines and Communications page is new to the FY 2025-26 [VBI website](#) and is designed to serve as a central reference for all upcoming deadlines and email updates. Upcoming activity deadlines and the most recent VBI email updates are posted here, with past deadlines and updates archived at the bottom of the page.

## Value-Based Incentives: Finance and Business Operations

### **Building Performance and Risk Metrics (1-A) and Managing Financial Risk in Value-Based Reimbursement (1-B):**

As noted in the [August 4, 2025, VBI email update](#), the Building Performance and Risk Metrics (1-A) activity is currently undergoing revisions. The Managing Financial Risk in Value-Based Reimbursement (1-B) activity, which complements it and is planned to launch in Spring 2026, may also be updated to ensure alignment.

Once revisions are finalized, all updates will be reflected in the [VBI package](#) and posted to the [SAPC VBI](#) website. A formal announcement will be shared through the VBI communications email distribution list. SAPC staff recognize the uncertainty this may cause as you begin preparing for VBI participation and will adjust timelines accordingly.

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## Value-Based Incentives: Workforce Development

### **Bilingual Bonus (2-C):**

Provider agencies participating in the Bilingual Bonus must complete the [Bilingual Bonus Submission Form](#) and if applicable, the [Bilingual Bonus Differential Supplemental Form](#) using the new [VBI Electronic Submission Form](#) by the 10th of the month (see below) for the prior quarter, except for Quarter 3 submission, which is due March 31<sup>st</sup>, rather than April 10<sup>th</sup>. **Late submissions or invoices submitted after the quarter deadline will not be accepted.** Please review the [Bilingual Bonus Submission Guide](#) and the [Bilingual Bonus Training Presentation](#) for additional details.

**Important Notice:** For FY 2025-26, SAPC will reimburse invoices for Q1 through Q3. **Provider agencies will be responsible for supporting their staff with bilingual bonus payment for Quarter 4.**

Quarterly Submission Deadline	Quarter Covered
October 10, 2025	July - September 2025
January 10, 2026	October - December 2025
March 31, 2026	January - March 2026

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## Value-Based Incentives: Access to Care

### **R95 Policies and Client-Facing Agreements (3-G):**

All R95 policies and client-facing agreements not approved in a previous fiscal year must be submitted using the [VBI Electronic Submission Form](#) by EOD **December 31, 2025**. Provider

agencies are encouraged to submit deliverables as they are ready for review and are not required to wait for a batch submission.

For more information about R95, please utilize the following treatment provider resources:

- [Book](#) an R95 101 Training for Frontline Staff or a virtual VBI R95 technical assistance session
- R95 Provider Consultation Line: (626) 210-0648
- R95 virtual office hours: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 9:00am-10:00am
  - **Topic:** 15-minute R95 overview, followed by 15-minute open, provider-led discussion about compliant policies and agreements, clinical considerations, etc. Bring questions and hear from other agencies.
  - Add [R95 virtual office hours series](#) to your calendar.

### **Service Design Follow-Up Implementation Plan (3-H):**

Agencies that are eligible to participate in 3-H for FY2025-2026 will attend a two-day Change Leader Academy (CLA) as part of their requirement to meet the program deliverables. The CLA will be hosted by CIBHS on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

The SAPC Team