Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

Payment Reform- FY2025-26

Value-Based Incentives

November 21, 2025

Key Value-Based Incentives (VBI) Updates and Deadlines

VBI Package:

Please refer to the FY2025-26 VBI Package for the latest updates on MAT Education/Services for OUD in Non-OTP settings (3-A), MAT Education/Services for AUD (3-B), and MAT Agency-wide Naloxone Distribution (3-C).

Electronic Submission Form and Invoice:

Reminder: All VBI invoices and deliverables must be submitted via the Electronic Submission Form. **Email submissions will __not__ be accepted**. For additional guidance, please review the FY2025-26 Electronic Submissions Form Guide for detailed instructions on accessing and completing the form. If you encounter any issues completing the electronic form, please contact DPH-SAPC-VBI@ph.lacounty.gov.

Stay Connected:

Join our mailing list to ensure your agency's leadership and key staff receive the latest VBI updates, announcements, and important reminders. Complete SAPC's Listserv Update Form and submit to SAPCMonitoring@ph.lacounty.gov with a copy to your assigned Contract Program Auditor (CPA).

FY 2025-26 VBI Project Codes and Descriptions:

To assist providers in identifying payments associated with VBI activities, please review the FY 2025-26 VBI Project Codes and Description when reviewing your agency's payment documents. The FY 2025-26 Project Codes and Descriptions document can be found on SAPC's Payment Reform-VBI website under the Resources-Guidance Documents section.

Value-Based Incentives: Finance and Business Operations

<u>Building Performance and Risk Metrics (1-A):</u>

Training Topic-Assessing Readiness for a Data Aggregation Platform: As your agency progresses through the Data Aggregation Readiness Assessment, you may find yourself having more questions than answers. This training session will provide strategies, frameworks, and peer collaboration opportunities to navigate data aggregation together.

The session will include:

- A workshop-style discussion on the **Data Aggregation Readiness Assessment**, covering all sections and components, now that provider agencies have begun the assessment process.
- A discussion on **peer-to-peer collaboration opportunities** with other provider agencies.
- An overview of **project management** principles and strategies.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Complete the Readiness Assessment Template in a meaningful and efficient way.
2. Identify opportunities for collaboration within the SUD provider agency network.
3. Incorporate project management principles in the internal assessment process.

Audience:

For provider agencies participating in the Building Performance and Risk Metrics (1-A) activity**, attendance is required from an individual who is in a decision-making and/or technical role with authority.** This may include:

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Technology Officer (CTO), or a designated second-in-command
- Individuals overseeing the Building Performance and Risk Metrics (1-A) activity and subsequent software implementation project.
- Attendance is also encouraged for any team members closely involved in the completion of the **Data Aggregation Readiness Assessment**.

Date and Time:

- **December 11, 2025, 2:30pm - 4:00pm**
- **Format:** Zoom, **Registration:** Register Here

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Value-Based Incentives: Workforce Development

Employee Benefits Package (2-A):

Reminder: The submission deadline is **3/31/26** but early submissions are encouraged. Please submit your documents and invoice via the VBI Electronic Submission Form by **3/31/26.** For additional guidance, please refer to the Employee Benefits Package and the Employee Benefits Package Resource Document. If you have any questions, please contact us DPH-SAPC-VBI@ph.lacounty.gov.

Value-Based Incentives: Access to Care

R95 Client-Facing Agreements (3-G):

The deadline is fast approaching: EOD 12/ 31/25. First drafts of R95 policies and client-facing agreements are due through the VBI Electronic Submission Form by end of day **12/31/25**. If you have questions about which policies and/or agreements your agency has outstanding, please email SAPC-R95@gmail.com or call the **R95 Consultation Line** (626) 210-0648.

Required policy and agreement templates are available on the VBI Access to Care page.
- R95 Admission Agreement (word)
- R95 Toxicology Agreement (word)
- R95 Admission Policy (word)
- R95 Discharge Policy (word)
- R95 Toxicology Policy (word)

This incentive is open to all contracted treatment provider agencies.
- Agencies with **no** prior R95 policy and agreement adoption – *submit all five documents for approval.*
- Agencies with **some** prior R95 policy and agreement adoption – *submit all outstanding policies/agreements.*
- Treatment provider agencies that previously completed admission, discharge and/or toxicology policies will not have to repeat activities from previous years.

Providers **must** complete the **R95 Policies and Client Facing Agreements by 12/31/25 and at least one cumulative MAT incentive by 4/20/26 to be eligible for the** R95 Champion (3-F) Incentive.
- MAT Education/Services for OUD in Non-OTP settings (3-A)
- MAT Education/Services for AUD (3-B)
- MAT Agency-wide Naloxone Distribution (3-C)

3-G Support Resources:

- Providers are invited to schedule R95 VBI one-on-one virtual meetings with questions and requests for support to complete or implement R95 policies.
- Keep an eye on the scheduling page for upcoming available dates for on-site R95 101 Training for Frontline Staff (we go to you!).
- Check the R95 FY 25-26 calendar for workgroup meetings and other opportunities to help with culture shift and implementation.

Thank you,

The SAPC Team