



Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

Payment Reform FY2026-27

Value-Based Incentives (VBI)

September 25, 2026

Key Updates and Upcoming Deadlines

Mark your calendars! The following VBI deadlines are approaching. Please visit the [VBI website](#) for more information on incentive details and requirements.

VBI Activity	Deadline
MAT Prescribing Clinician Start-Up Cost Sharing (2-C)	09/30/26
Data Aggregation - Building Performance and Risk Metrics (1-C): Data Source Inventory & Baseline Metrics Tool (Cohort 3)	09/30/26
Data Aggregation - Building Performance and Risk Metrics (1-C): Q1 Metrics Reporting + QI Plan Template and Addendum: Data Aggregation Implementation Update (Cohort 1)	10/20/26
Data Aggregation - Building Performance and Risk Metrics (1-C): Documentation of software purchase and technical implementation and Addendum: Data Aggregation Implementation Update (Cohort 2)	10/20/26
Timely Submission of CalOMS Admission and Discharge Records (1-A)	10/20/26
Timely Claims Submissions (1-B)	10/20/26
SUD Practitioner-to-Client Ratio (2-A)	10/20/26
Percent of Clients with Co-Occurring Mental Health Condition seen by LPHA (2-B)	10/20/26
MAT Education/Services for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in Non-OTP Settings (3-A)	10/20/26
MAT Education/Services for Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) (3-B)	10/20/26
Clients Referred/Admitted to Another SUD Level of Care (3-C)	10/20/26
Mental and Physical Health Referrals/Care Coordination (3-D)	10/20/26
Clients Engaged in Treatment (= or > 30 days) (3-E)	10/20/26
Seven-Day Follow-up after Residential Services / Residential Services – Withdrawal Management Discharge (3-F)	10/20/26
Percent of Appointment Disposition Form Referrals with Completed Appointment Disposition (3-G)	10/20/26

Resources

VBI Reference Guide

The FY2026-27 [VBI Reference Guide](#) provides a concise, easy-to-use overview of all VBIs. Please visit the [VBI website](#) for more details and requirements.

Electronic Invoice Submission Guide and Form

The [VBI Invoice](#) and [Electronic Submission Form](#) are required when submitting VBI deliverables.

Provider agencies are encouraged to review the [FY2026-27 VBI Electronic Submission Form Guide](#) and test the submission form prior to submitting deliverables.

Helpful Tip: When testing submissions with sample uploads, select “**Demo, Inc**” from the Provider Agency Name drop-down menu.

***Important:** Invoices submitted by email will not be accepted. If you experience any issues completing the electronic submission form, please contact DPH-SAPC-VBI@ph.lacounty.gov.

Project Codes and Descriptions:

To assist providers in identifying payments associated with VBI activities, please refer to the [FY2026-27 VBI Project Codes and Descriptions](#) document when reviewing your agency’s payment details. This information is available for review on the [VBI website](#) under the [Resources-Guidance Documents, Invoice, and Forms](#) section.

Upcoming Trainings

Save the Dates: Visit the [SAPC training calendar](#) for the most up-to-date VBI trainings (included in [orange](#)). Please review the [FY2026-27 Calendar](#) for upcoming Access to Care: R95 workgroup meetings and trainings.

VBI Deadlines and Communications

The [Deadlines and Communications](#) page serves as a central reference for all upcoming VBI deadlines and updates. Stay up to date with important deadlines, announcements, and program updates.

Finance and Business Operations

Data Aggregation-Building Performance and Risk Metrics (1-C)

Upcoming Deadlines:

- **Cohort 1 (Second Year-Advanced):** The [Addendum: Data Aggregation Implementation Update](#) and the [Q1 Metrics Reporting + QI Plan](#) (submission 1) deadline is **10/20/26**.
- **Cohort 2 (Second Year- Mid-Stage):** The [Addendum: Data Aggregation Implementation Update](#) and [Documentation of Software Purchase and Technical Implementation Criteria](#) (submission 1) deadline is **10/20/26**.
- **Cohort 3 (New/First Year Participants):** The [Data Source Inventory and Baseline Metrics Tool](#) (submission 1) deadline is **09/30/26**.

Please submit your deliverable and [invoice](#) via the [VBI Electronic Submission Form](#) by the due date.

Required Training

Title: Evaluating Your Data Landscape (Cohort 3)

Date: Thursday, 10/22/26 | **Time:** 9:00-11:30 am | **Format:** In-Person | **Registration:** [Register Here](#)

Topic: Before your agency moves forward with implementation of a data aggregation platform, it's essential to understand your current data capabilities and long-term goals. This training session will walk participants through how to evaluate their existing data landscape and effectively engage in technical conversations with potential vendors or partners.

Session Details:

- **Location:** Helpline Youth Counseling, 14181 Telegraph Rd, Whittier, CA 90604
- **Audience:**
 - **Required Cohort(s):** Cohort 3 (New / First Year)
 - **Required Attendees:** Designated Project Lead and/or Submission Coordinator from your data aggregation project team.

For attendance, eligibility, cohort inquiries, or general VBI questions:

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For content questions:

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For registration questions:

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Required Training

Title: Data Aggregation Readiness Assessment Workshop (Cohort 3)

Date: Thursday, 10/29/26 | **Time:** 9:00-10:30 am | **Format:** Virtual | **Registration:** Save the Date

Topic: This virtual training will walk participants through the Data Aggregation Readiness Assessment requirements, due December 15, 2026, for the Data Aggregation – Building Performance and Risk Metrics (1-C) VBI activity. This session will also highlight best practices for integrating incentive components into everyday operations, along with helpful resources and collaboration opportunities to support successful completion.

Session Details:

- **Location:** Zoom
- **Audience:**
 - **Required Cohort(s):** Cohort 3 (New / First Year)
 - **Required Attendees:** Designated Project Lead and/or Submission Coordinator from your data aggregation project team.

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Workforce Development

MAT Prescribing Clinician Start-Up Cost Sharing (2-C)

Provider agencies that have not previously participated in the MAT Prescribing Clinician Start-Up Cost Sharing funding opportunity (**Part 1**), Implementation Plans are due by **9/30/26, subject to funding availability**. Forms are linked here for [Non-OTP](#) or [OTP-Only](#).

Provider agencies with an approved Implementation Plan that seek to expand the number of medical clinicians beyond the original approved plan, please submit a MAT Prescribing Clinician Start-Up Cost Sharing Addendum (**Part 1**) by **9/30/26** for [Non-OTP](#) or [OTP Only](#), **subject to funding availability**.



Please submit your applicable documents and [invoice](#) via the [VBI Electronic Submission Form](#) by **09/30/26**. For additional details and guidance, please review the [Medical Clinician Cost Sharing Start-Up Funding](#) document.

Access to Care

R95 Unique Clients Served (3-H)

We encourage you to review the R95 Unique Clients Served [Activity Guide](#) and [Submission Checklist](#) early. Providers seeking clarification on this activity or the [R95 Client Facing Agreements \(3-I\)](#) are invited to attend the monthly R95 Office Hour for technical assistance.

R95 Office Hour (via Teams) | **Date:** Wednesday, 10/21/26 | **Time:** 9:00am-10:00am | [Click here to join](#) or email [Access Optimization](#) for a calendar invite.

R95 Client-Facing Agreements (3-I)

Reminder: Participating provider agencies must submit at least a first draft of the required template language via the [VBI Electronic Submission Form](#) by **11/02/26**.

Questions about eligibility and requirements unique to your agency may be submitted to DPH-SAPC-VBI@ph.lacounty.gov, **Email Subject Header Line:** 3-I Eligibility Check.

All treatment provider agency staff are encouraged to attend [R95 workgroup meetings](#) to learn more about safely reducing barriers to SUD treatment and improving engagement for individuals with SUD.

Thank you,

The SAPC Team