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### September 23, 2025 - EI Fiscal Workgroup Notes

#### **Covered Lives Funding**

- NYSACHO provided an update on advocacy efforts:
  - The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) passed a resolution requesting an extension of Covered Lives to prevent its sunset next year.
    - The resolution proposes that counties would receive 51% and the state would receive 49% of the entire Covered Lives assessment total.
- BEI confirmed that budget talks are starting, and they plan to include Covered Lives renewal in their proposal.

#### **Safety Net and Stop-Gap Payments**

- BEI provided updates on Stop-Gap repayment progress:
  - Over 30% of Stop-Gap payments have been repaid since July 2025.
  - The final deadline for all repayments is confirmed to be December 31, 2026.
- The 25% automatic recoupment system is working well.
- Providers missing payments are being contacted and informed of consequences.

#### **County Escrow**

- LHDs reported that a draft of the updated escrow agreement is still being circulated internally and will be shared with NYSACHO once approved.
- BEI announced that the first payment for program year 2024-2025 reimbursement (July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024) has been made.
  - Transportation claims for the same period will be included in the next batch.

#### **Statute of Limitations on EI Claims**

- BEI reported that work is in progress on the policy update:
  - A draft of the policy is being finalized and reviewed.
  - BEI will work with PCG to determine when the hub can be configured and updated to implement the policy.



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- Currently, no claims are being moved out of their pending status.

### Billing Issues

#### Reconciliation of Billing Reports

- BEI mentioned the need for specific reporting capabilities in the hub to facilitate reconciliation.
- BEI agreed to follow up with leadership to address previous queries about reporting needs.

#### Medicaid Billing and Reimbursements

- BEI reported that PCG is working on creating Medicaid reports by county and denial reason.
- BEI will investigate the trend of decreased Medicaid billing in the first instance and higher denial rates.
- Counties raised concerns about verifying Medicaid coverage information in the hub.

### EI Hub Updates and Issues

#### Upcoming System Release

- BEI provided an update on upcoming EI Hub system fix releases:
  - The next release is expected in late October or early November.
  - Following this release, work will begin on implementing the open and close IFSP edit feature.
    - The open-close IFSP fix is anticipated to be implemented around December or January.

#### Voucher Generation Limitations

- The issue of voucher generation being limited to approximately 100 claims per month persists.
  - BEI agreed to follow up with PCG on the possibility of expanding this limit.

### Access Issues



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- Counties reported ongoing access issues to the EI billing module, possibly due to having both county and provider roles.
  - BEI promised to investigate and address this issue.

### **Transportation Billing and Reimbursement**

- Reimbursement for non-Medicaid transportation claims is expected to start soon for claims processed June – December 2024.
- Counties reported ongoing issues with varying rates appearing in reports, including \$0 amounts.
  - BEI will investigate the rate inconsistencies, as previous fixes may not have resolved all issues.

### **Service Location Discrepancies**

- Counties raised concerns about discrepancies between service locations in official records versus the billing system.
- BEI clarified that the session note and IFSP should be considered the matching record, while the system is primarily a billing mechanism.
  - There remains a disagreement on how Medicaid auditors might view these discrepancies.

### **Open Discussion**

- LHDs inquired about updates on Medicaid retro, but no new information was available.
- Counties requested changes to the escrow invoice format to show both period-specific and cumulative Stop-Gap payment recoupment amounts.
  - BEI agreed to investigate the feasibility of this change and consider providing supplemental information if needed.