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January 27, 2026 - EI Fiscal Workgroup Notes

Covered Lives

- Extension approved through 2029 in executive budget, a three-year extension
- \$15.4 million distributed in January based on proportion of claims not paid by Medicaid in last state fiscal year
 - Maintained 51% county and 49% state split from November proposal
 - BEI Fiscal offered to provide each municipality their specific percentage allocation via email or formal letter if requested.
 - NYC requested the percentage allocation for their area.

Safety Net Payments

- As of last Friday, just over \$11 million repaid statewide, representing 58% of total (up from 45% on November 21st)
 - 42 agencies fully paid off, up from 29 in November
- Deadline remains December 31st, 2026

County Escrow

- First repayment for 2024-2025 program completed
- Transportation claims pending in next batch

Escrow Reconciliation

- Counties requested verification of stopgap recoupments applied to escrow accounts
- Automatic 25% recoupments create immediate escrow credits at check issuance
 - Payment plan recoupments take longer to clear and process through quarterly adjustments
 - Discrepancies between year-to-date amounts on invoices and applied credits result from clearing delays
- As per SDOH, stop gap recoupment credits are applied to escrow accounts one to one unless Provider paid by check. If paid by check, there is some delay for the credit to be applied to the escrow account. The credit would then be part of the quarterly adjustment. SDOH will confirm this.



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- NYC finalizing draft escrow agreement with updated language

Statute of Limitations on EI Claims

- Policy update being finalized with proposed cutoff dates
 - Insurance claims older than two years cannot be worked
 - Medicaid claims older than six years would be closed out
- Counties raised concerns about providers submitting late billing through extraordinary circumstance process
 - Announcement required to communicate cutoff period
 - Timing still being negotiated

Billing and Medicaid Claims

Medicaid Reporting

- County denial reports by denial reason expected within one to two weeks following recent hub update
- Billing amounts improved post-PCG implementation, but collections remain problematic
 - BEI Fiscal to run comparative reports showing county performance versus pre-hub levels
 - Counties requested this become standing agenda item
- Key denial reasons identified: service coordination and waiver claims

Code 35 Placement Issues

- Counties reported ongoing missing code 35 placements preventing Medicaid payment for service coordination
- Current ticket resolution process ineffective across multiple counties
 - Tickets sometimes closed without actual resolution
- BEI Fiscal will work with PCG on improved resolution process
 - Root cause stems from case management information gaps

Process Improvements

- Gender and date of birth correction process exists but not widely known among newer county staff
 - Counties will share information for "In the Loop" article to improve knowledge sharing

Retroactive 4% Payment



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- Estimate prepared for retroactive 4% covering April 1, 2025 through mid-December
 - Total statewide amount under \$500,000
 - Expected as single escrow payment once implemented

System Reporting Issues

- No unique identifier exists to match claims between AR detail reports in Case Management and EI Billing reports
 - BEI Fiscal to investigate matching capabilities
- No report currently shows supporting documentation for Medicaid sweep calculations
 - Counties requested ability to view details. SDOH said they will look into this.

Telehealth Payment Reduction

- Reduction initiated with limited county visibility on impact and cost savings
- Counties requested report on actual telehealth payment amounts and estimated savings differential
 - Concerned about hybrid billing use varying by county and potential problematic provider billing practices
 - NYC willing to provide authorization data for validation
- Fiscal audits currently focused on older claims, potentially starting 2023/24 review mid-July
- BEI Fiscal to gather telehealth data by claim type and frequency

EI Hub

- Hub release completed since November meeting
- Next releases planned for Q1 2026 with timeline being finalized by BEI and PCG
 - Will include open and closed by FSPs functionality
- Enhanced performance testing required for larger releases

County Invoice Changes

- Invoice splitting by county beginning mid-February
 - Counties will receive only their individual invoice rather than mass distribution
 - Change made due to privacy concerns about sharing full information containing Covered Lives and stopgap allocations