



Timeline of Efforts for State Peer Support Specialist Certification

2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •2010 California Network of Mental Health Clients (CNMHC) holds 2 regional forums to examine pathways to state certification & monthly teleconferences begin •Dept of Mental Health (DMH) via Working Well Together, funds CNMHC¹ to research & gather input on standardization of peer/youth/family/parent support specialist positions (July, 2011 to June 2014)
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Conduct surveys, key informant interviews, monthly stakeholder input webconferences •CNMHC's first research report released on National and CA Practices.² •5 regional stakeholder forums held. Forum Findings & Draft Recommendations Report released.³ •Four workgroups draft values & ethics, definitions, crosswalk of 16 curricula, & billing research
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Statewide Summit held by CAMHPRO-PEERS with over 225 attendees to refine stakeholder recommendations and to vet draft documents developed by workgroups. •Final Recommendations for State Peer/Youth/Family/Parent Support Specialist⁴ Certification and the creation of unique billing for the service and providers.
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Last Report on Engaging State-Level Agencies in Certification of Peer Specialists⁵ released •Peer Certification contract ends. CAMHPRO continues educating CA agencies and stakeholders •County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) expresses support for State legislation.
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CAMHPRO & stakeholders submit legislative proposal, CBHDA sponsors bill with Senator Leno. SB 614 adopts most of the stakeholder recommendations. Requires Dept. of Health Care Services (DHCS) to administer and create unique billing code for peers. •Bill passes CA Senate w/o opposition, but stalls in Assembly before last vote, due to DHCS not being aligned with bill. Bill number is repurposed for other measure
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CBHDA, DHCS, and key stakeholder organizations negotiate to pass bill. DHCS refuses to create new CA medicaid billing code, as 30+ other states have done & as recommended by US Center for Medicaid in 2007. DHCS submits 'technical amendments' to SB 614, that compromise the intent of the bill and undermine the integrity of genuine peer support services. •Senator Leno <i>pulls the bill on recommendations of CBHDA, and consumer family member agencies</i>
2017	Stakeholders seek options & craft new legislative proposal, not carried by any legislator.
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Steinberg Institute sponsors new bill CA SB 906 (Beall-D & Anderson-R) identical to old bill •Bill amended and passed CA Senate. •Amendments remove Medi-CAL Peer Unique billing. Passes Assembly. •Governor Brown vetoes.
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SB 10 (Beall & Waldron) introduced with new peer service and peer provider type billing included. •Passed Senate Health Committee unopposed. Passed Senate. •Passed Assembly •Governor Newsom vetoes.
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Jan. 8, 2020 SB 803 (Beall, Waldron) Released

1. This contract was under Working Well Together (WWT), a former collaborative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness California (NAMI), United Advocates for Children, and Families (UACF), the California Institute for Mental Health (now CiBHS) and CNMHC for which contracts were transferred to then a partnership of CAMHPRO and Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services (PEERS). The WWT contract ended in June, 2014. CAMHPRO began managing contracts independently in January, 2015. 2. Certification of Consumer, Youth, Family and Parent Providers: A Review of the Research <https://camphro.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/sb614-report-2012.pdf>; 3. Certification of Consumer, Youth, Family and Parent Peer Providers: A Summary of Regional Stakeholder Meeting Findings at <https://camphro.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/sb614-report-june-2012.pdf> 4. Final Report: Recommendations from the Statewide Summit on Certification of Peer Providers at <https://camphro.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/sb614-report-2013.pdf> 5. Certification of Peer Support Specialists in California: Engaging State-Level Agencies, June 2014 at <https://camphro.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/sb614-report-july-2014.pdf>