

Kim Reynolds, Governor
Chris Cournoyer, Lieutenant Governor

Kelly Garcia, Director

May 13, 2025

RE: Changes to Iowa's Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) Regional Service System

Dear MHDS Regional Provider:

Based on the vision articulated in HF2673, Iowa is establishing a new Behavioral Health Service System and a system of Disability Access Points to serve all Iowans effective July 1, 2025.

In April of 2025, the new Behavioral Health District Advisory Councils convened to review initial District Assessments and Planning. Once District plans and budgets are approved by Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS), the new Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (BH-ASO), the Iowa Primary Care Association (Iowa PCA), will execute contracts with partners and providers to meet requirements effective July 1, 2025.

In anticipation of contracting, the Iowa PCA is encouraging providers and partners supporting behavioral health services in Iowa to complete a [Provider Profile](#) by May 16, 2025. This Provider Profile will help the Iowa PCA build a provider network directory and ensure accurate information about providers interested in contracting to provide services to support the continuum of services in Iowa's Behavioral Health Service System, including Prevention, Early Intervention, Treatment, Recovery, and Crisis. This form can also be found under BH-ASO on, www.iowapca.org and providers can also email bhasoproviderrelations@iowapca.org to communicate with the Iowa PCA.

Disability Access Points (DAPs) submitted transition plans to ensure readiness for implementation and continuity of service coordination. DAPs are working actively with the current MHDS Regions to transition individual services and service coordination activities effective July 1, 2025. DAPs will be engaged in planning, budgeting, and contracting with providers for short-term services and supports (STSS) during the same time frame.

Long-term services and supports and treatment services provided through both service systems will be billable through a Management Information System (MIS), using a process like billing Medicaid. Providers can anticipate the release of a fee schedule for services billable through this MIS system.

More information about the upcoming changes for [Behavioral Health](#) and [Disability Services](#), including frequently asked questions, recordings and materials from Iowa HHS' monthly town hall meetings, updates on administrative rules, and a form to submit questions directly to Iowa HHS, can be found on the Iowa HHS website.



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Additionally, Iowa HHS encourages all community-based organizations supporting behavioral health and disability services efforts in Iowa to visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page of the HHS website. This is a space for organizations to submit questions about the implementation plan for how services will be provided after June 30, 2025, and there have already been several questions and answers documented.

Sincerely,

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Marissa Eyanson, Director
Division of Behavioral Health
Iowa Department of Health and Human
Services

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Zach Rhein, Director
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