On October 19, 2019, in Part III of the PA Code, the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) promulgated Chapter 1155, Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS). IBHS regulations will govern the provision of most behavioral health services available to children and youth in Philadelphia, which were previously referred to as Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS). All current BHRS Providers are expected to be compliant with these regulations within 90 days, or by January 19, 2020. The Bulletins listed below—and their attachments—apply to all current Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (BHRS) providers currently in the Community Behavioral Health (CBH) network. The following Service Authorization Bulletin 19-25 and BHRS/IBHS Incentive Program Provider Bulletin 19-26 provide details about how CBH will authorize and care-manage the Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) regulatory changes going into effect on January 19, 2020.

Updated Level of Care (LOC) codes—published by the Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS)—and rates—set by CBH—will be published at a later date.

The following Provider Bulletins and documents relate directly to the regulatory IBHS changes:

1. State Promulgation of IBHS Provider Bulletin 19-23
2. Accessing IBHS Provider Bulletin 19-24 (and Written Order template attachment)
4. BHRS and IBHS Incentive Program Provider Bulletin 19-26 (and ISPT Meeting Invitation Form attachment)