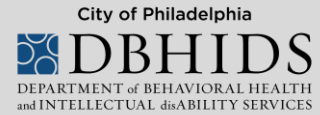




## Provider Bulletin 20-03 January 22, 2020



### **BHRS Assessment and Initial Treatment Authorization During the Transition to IBHS**

**Provider contracts were updated with new Levels of Care effective January 19, 2020, and the outlined process can be utilized immediately, but it is not required until March 18, 2020.**

On October 19, 2019, in Part III of the PA Code, the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) promulgated Chapters 1155 and 5240, Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS). IBHS regulations will now 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). CBH is attempting to simplify the process for requesting or continuing BHRS by aligning them with the new practices outlined in the IBHS regulations. Specifically, providers can request initial or continued BHRS, for durations of up to six months, through completion of a Written Order and subsequent face-to-face assessment, as required under IBHS. CBH will allow this modified process throughout the 2020 transition from BHRS to IBHS. The final date that any BHRS can be authorized or delivered is January 17, 2021.

Treatment can start once there is a Written Order for BHRS while a face-to-face assessment is completed by an individual qualified to provide behavior consultation services and/or mobile therapy within 15 days of the initiation of individual and group services and within 30 days of the initiation of ABA services.

This Bulletin outlines the Levels of Care (LOCs), staff qualifications, maximum units, and rates that will be utilized for providers to bill for the BHRS Assessment and Initial Treatment period effective 1/19/2020.

- All In-Network BHRS Providers will be assigned LOCs 400-126, 400-127, 400-128, 400-129
- All In-Network Designated ABA providers will be assigned LOCs 400-130 and 400-131
- All providers currently contracted for School Therapeutic Services will be assigned LOCs 400-132 and 400-133

Providers will submit the Written Order Form, completed and signed by an appropriate prescriber, indicating the requested LOCs. CBH will generate authorizations for a standard number of units for both an assessment and treatment LOCs, depending on provider request and the child's diagnosis. If a provider recommends a BHRS assessment, they will be issued two

authorizations, 400-126 for 15 days for assessment activities and 400-127 for 30 days Initial Treatment services.

The authorizations will reflect the maximum hours/units per day as listed in the chart below. Providers will be expected to submit their claims using the appropriate billing sentence (CPT code and modifier) reflecting the staff who delivered the service (i.e., BSC, BSC-ASD, MT, TSS). A detailed billing guide will be forwarded to providers with updated Schedule As.

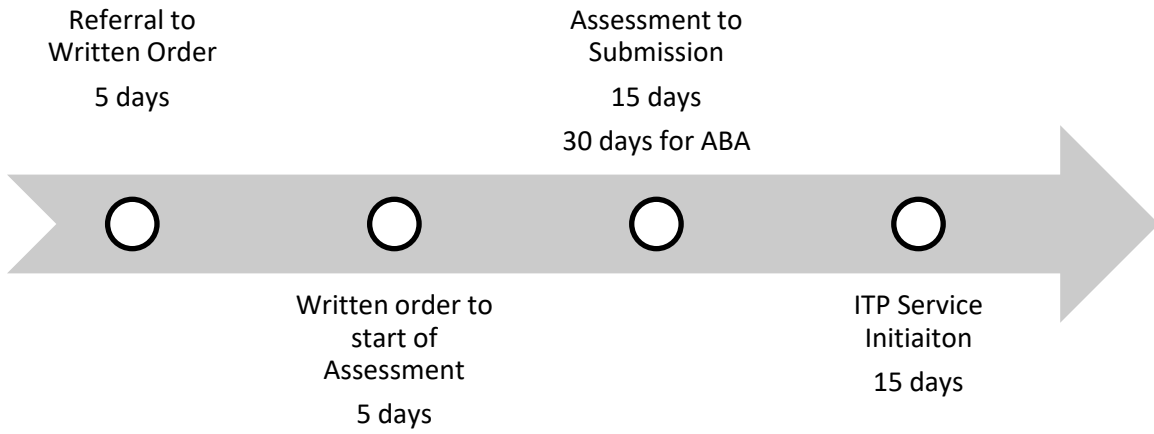
**BHRS Assessment and Initial Treatment Levels of Care Effective 1/19/20**

LOC I & II	LOC Description	Staff qualified to provide the service	Maximum Hours/Units per day	Authorization Period and Number of Units Authorized	Proposed Rate
400-126	BHRS Assessment	BSC (Doctoral or Master’s Level), MT	6 hours/24 units per day	15 business days for 400 units	\$16.85 per 15 minutes
400-127	BHRS Initial Treatment	BSC (Doctoral or Master’s Level), MT, TSS	12 hours/48 units per day	30 business days for 1500 units	\$16.85 per 15 minutes
400-128	BHRS Assessment-Autism	BSC-ASD (Doctoral or Master’s Level), MT	6 hours/24 units per day,	15 business days for 400 units	\$16.85 per 15 minutes
400-129	BHRS Initial Treatment-Autism	BSC-ASD (Doctoral or Master’s Level), MT, TSS	12 hours/48 units per day	30 business days for 1500 units	\$16.85 per 15 minutes
400-130	BHRS Assessment-ABA	BSC-ASD (Doctoral or Master’s Level)	6 hours/24 units per day	30 business days for 750 units	\$35.00 per 15 minutes
400-131	BHRS Initial Treatment-ABA	BSC-ASD (Doctoral or Master’s Level), TSS	12 hours/48 units per day	45 business days for 2500 units	\$16.85 per 15 minutes
400-132	STS Assessment	MT	6 hours/24 units per day	15 business days for 400 units	\$16.85 per 15 minutes
400-133	STS Initial Treatment	MT, TSS	6 hours/24 units per day	30 business days for 1500 units	\$16.85 per 15 minutes

The following LOCs will be utilized if the provider selects Pathway 2 as outlined in CBH Provider Bulletin 19-24: Accessing Intensive Behavioral Health Services for Psychological, Psychiatric, or Master’s Level Evaluation:

- 300-1 Psychiatric Evaluation: Level of Care 300-1 should be used for psychiatric evaluations resulting in a Written Order for IBHS
- 300-3 Assessment: Level of Care 300-3 should be used for evaluations completed by a licensed mental health professional (i.e., LCSW, LPC, LMFT) resulting in a Written Order of IBHS
- 300-22 Psychological Assessment: Level of Care 300-22 should be used for a psychological evaluation resulting in a Written Order for IBHS.

## IBHS Access Timeline



Note: Assessment + Service Initiation = 30 days (45 days for ABA)