



**Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notice
EPIC Evidence-Based Practice (EBP)
Independent Practitioner Designation
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The Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation Center (EPIC) at DBHIDS and CBH is expanding its Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Designation to include In-Network Independent Practitioners (IPs), including Group Practices. The goals of the EPIC EBP IP Designation are to identify and roster IPs who are offering high-quality, evidence-based, and evidence-supported practices and to increase the number of individuals who receive evidence-based services. The EPIC EBP Designation outlines a set of standards that are expected for implementing EBPs in a behavioral health setting and enables DBHIDS to set up mechanisms for monitoring and incentivizing the delivery of EBPs. [You can find more information on the Designation program here.](#)

Who should apply for the EPIC EBP IP Program Designation?

The EBP IP Designation recognizes IPs who are delivering evidence-based and evidence-supported interventions within the CBH network. This also includes IPs that are enrolled as part of a group practice within the state PROMISe system and the CBH network. The EPIC EBP IP Designation Standards are built around the expectation that an IP is supporting an EBP and can deliver the service and is able to ensure engagement, sustainability, and high-quality EBP service delivery.

IPs who receive the EPIC EBP IP Designation will be recognized on referral lists utilized by CBH Member Services and CBH Clinical Management, which are made available to CBH members, behavioral health professionals, and the general public.

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What are the EPIC EBP IP Program Designation Standards?

The EPIC EBP IP Designation includes standards that have been identified as key to successful implementation by implementation science researchers and treatment experts and through local partnerships with CBH providers.

The EBP IP Designation Standards include:

- **EBP Training and Consultation:** IP is certified or graduated from the EBP and received training from an expert trainer.
- **EBP Service Delivery:** Processes are in place for identifying, assessing, and engaging individuals who are appropriate for the EBP. There is capacity to deliver an adequate EBP service volume to maintain service delivery and proficiency in the model.
- **EBP Quality Assurance:** Processes are in place to support the sustained quality of the EBP practice, including EBP documentation, supervision, and use of quality assurance tools and outcome measures.

Enhanced Rate Billing

CBH provides an enhanced rate for EBP-designated programs in mental health and substance use outpatient services. Designated IPs will also receive enhanced rate billing for the delivery of the EBP. IPs will be expected to maintain certification in the designated EBP, remain within the CBH network, and renew their application annually to continue receiving the enhanced rate.

Application

The EBP IP Designation application is a Microsoft Word form where IPs can submit narrative descriptions and supporting documentation for each of the EBP IP Designation Standards. A separate application is required for each EBP and for an EBP that is delivered at multiple levels of care. To receive the form, applicants should email epic_dbhids@phila.gov and use the subject "Request for EBP IP Designation Application."

The EBP IP Designation applications will be reviewed by a team at DBHIDS in consultation with treatment experts. IPs will be notified if they have met the standards, if additional information is needed, or if they failed to meet the standards. IPs who receive EBP IP Designation will be expected to update their application annually, upon the request of DBHIDS, or if there are changes to the EBP Practice.

Questions

Please forward any questions to epic_dbhids@phila.gov. Please visit the EPIC [website](#) to sign up for the EPIC email list for updates and visit the site regularly for additional information on the EBP Program Designation.