



Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notice Federally Qualified Health Centers and Centers of Excellence March 31, 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Community Behavioral Health (CBH)—a Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization (BH-MCO)—developed an Alternative Payment Arrangement (APA) for its network to ensure that providers remain operational, to maintain access to services for members, and to mitigate against any potential adverse financial consequences associated with the crisis.

CBH's APA was approved by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS). However, **OMHSAS has clarified that BH-MCOs must exclude Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the Opioid Centers of Excellence (COE) from the APA.**

Federal assistance is forthcoming from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the FQHCs. [Click here](#) for additional information about HRSA financial awards to health centers.

Additionally, OMHSAS has indicated that COEs should continue to receive their Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)-approved monthly per-member-per-month (PMPM)/case rate for services encompassed under the G9012 code.

Please direct any questions to your Provider Relations Representative.