



Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notice Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) Interim APA Extension October 29, 2020

At the onset of the 2020-2021 school year, the IBHS financing strategy entailed extending the COVID-19 Alternative Payment Arrangement (APA) through December 31, 2020. During this interim period, CBH worked with the provider community, and with support from our actuaries, towards the development of a permanent IBHS APA that would ultimately be effective January 1, 2021. However, with the continuing uncertainty that COVID-19 brings, the decision has been made to **continue the interim IBHS APA (effective September 1, 2020) through the entirety of the 2021 school year (August 2021).**

During the first half of the school year, providers were afforded the opportunity to request reconciliation on a monthly basis, if they found that their actual expenses exceeded the APA allocation. This process will continue with the extension of the IBHS APA, but we would like to highlight that **beginning in January 2021, CBH will request that providers submit their actual expenses on a monthly basis and, if the APA amount exceeds that of the monthly expenses, CBH reserves the right to recoup some portion of the APA funds.** Further details regarding this process will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Regarding staffing, CBH maintains its request that providers defer filling any vacant peer-positions, and that providers continue to work with our clinical team to assess IBHS program staffing needs based on the evolving climate.

We thank you for your ongoing partnership through this difficult time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Provider Relations Representative.