

Intensive Behavioral Health Services Interim Alternative Payment Arrangement Extension and Staffing Updates

Alternative Payment Arrangement (APA) Extension

Community Behavioral Health (CBH) has decided to extend the existing interim Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) Alternative Payment Arrangement (APA) through the 2021/2022 school year with an end date in August 2022. This will allow CBH ample time to collect the necessary data to inform the long-term payment strategy for IBHS. CBH will continue to work with the IBHS Fiscal Collaborative and its actuaries to develop the long-term payment strategy that will best support the needs of the provider community and members utilizing this service. Please note that additional financial opportunities may be forthcoming in early 2022.

Providers will be required to submit their actual expenses on a monthly basis. If the APA amount exceeds that of the monthly expenses, CBH reserves the right to recoup some portion of the APA funds. If it is determined that actual expenses exceed the APA allocation, providers will be afforded the opportunity to request reconciliation.

IBHS Staffing Updates

It is the expectation that *all* IBHS providers will have adequate staffing to deliver medically necessary services to the youth approved for IBHS.

It is the expectation that *all* IBHS providers will have a Care Coordinator assigned to each cluster at the start of the 2021/2022 school year. The Care Coordinator will provide supports to families as an adjunct to the clinical treatment, assess the youth's overall wellbeing, and address identified physical and behavioral health needs. The Care Coordinator will also assess and evaluate the social determinants of health (SDoH) for each family.

The Family Peer Specialist position will continue to be waived for the 2021/2022 school year.

Please contact your Provider Relations Representative if you have any questions.