

Changes to IBHS Regionalized Requirements, Authorization, and Service Delivery

Changes in IBHS Regionalized Program Requirements

Effective September 1, 2025, CBH is suspending the requirement to administer the Vermont or Arizona Social Determinant of Health (SDOH) Assessments for youth in IBHS. All CBH providers will have different SDOH reporting requirements as a part of the [OMHSAS Suicide Prevention Performance Improvement Project](#). CBH is eliminating the IBHS-specific requirement to avoid the duplication of efforts.

Effective September 1, 2025, CBH is also suspending the Intensive Care Coordination Review process. Child and family stabilization and progress will be monitored through our enhanced utilization management process. CBH will continue crisis consults and situational consults will still be available as needed. The intensive care coordination needs of children and families enrolled in IBHS will be re-evaluated at a later date, in partnership with the provider network.

Changes in Authorization Practice

IBHS is designed to be a cross-setting service, and treatment goals and interventions should be developed across the major domains of a child's life. Effective with service requests reviewed on September 1, 2025, CBH will not authorize IBHS services unless the Individual Treatment Plan (ITP) includes at least two family goals. Requests for continued stay must reflect progress and updates on all ITP goals.

In addition, CBH will perform medical necessity reviews on all youth who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) with an interest in supporting transfer of skills to specialized educational staff. These additional medical necessity reviews will be effective with service requests reviewed on September 1, 2025.

Change in Business Rules for Behavior Health Technician (BHT)

Effective October 1, 2025, CBH will be changing billing rules for BHT services to align with the Medical Assistance fee schedule. The maximum number of units that can be delivered per day will be 32.

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