

Behavioral Health Town Hall

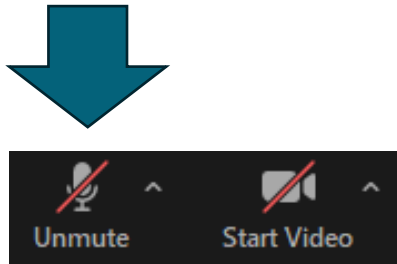
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Introductions

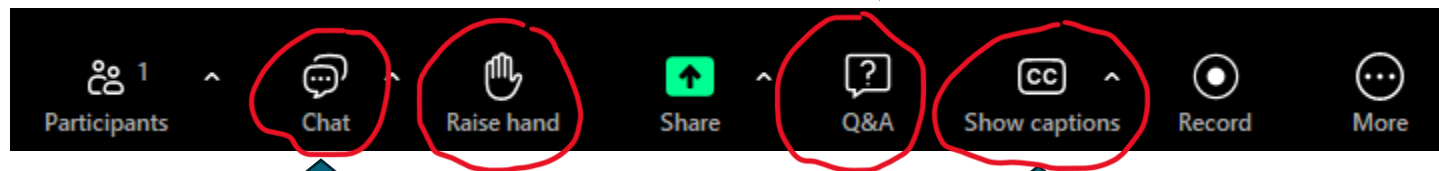
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January 2025 Updates

Behavioral Health System Rules

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Iowa Administrative Code 441-Chapter 300 through Chapter 310 to implement Iowa Code Chapter 225A

Behavioral Health System Rules

- New chapters to support mental health and addictive disorders
- Definitions, Eligibility, ASO, Advisory Councils, Mental Health Advocate, Central Data Repository
- Developed requirements using current integrated provider network contracts, MHDS regions requirements, CCBHC requirements, and other system planning activities, such as behavioral health state plan development
- Chapter 24 Provider Accreditation and Chapter 155 SUD Licensure rules not changed at this time

Next Steps

- Draft available on the HHS website until regulatory analysis published
 - <https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/15293/download?inline>
- Regulatory Analysis will be published and open for public comment in February with a public hearing
- Notice of Intended Action will be published and open for public comment March-April with 2 public hearings

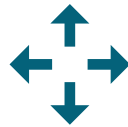
What is System Navigation?



Connect people with information and resources, refer and connect to care and help to ensure care continuity



Navigators serve as system guides rather than service brokers linked to funding.



Navigators are especially important in supporting people through transitions.



We're modeling a common framework to remove historical silos that were linked to eligibility thresholds and siloed approaches by funding.



System navigation will leverage community health worker training and add in additional areas of specialization.

Behavioral Health Service System Statewide Plan

Iowa's Behavioral Health Service System Statewide Plan will be posted for public comment in February.

There will be options to provide virtual and written public comment.

After public comment closes, HHS will review comments, make final edits and publish the finalized Plan in March.

The Plan sets strategic targets and guides district-level planning, which will happen in the early spring.

Billing for Treatment Services

HHS will process claims for behavioral health safety net treatment services such as inpatient and outpatient treatment through the same claims payment system processes used for fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid.

BH safety net service providers will submit claims in the same way they currently submit for Medicaid FFS payment.

BH safety net coverage will utilize a subset of the same billable service codes as Medicaid to help simplify billing practices.

Billing for Treatment Services

The BH safety net fee schedule outlining covered services and rates is being developed based on cross walking current services paid in IPN, MHDS regions, and CMHCs.

In areas where MHDS regions have rate disparity, HHS will set rates based on rate frequency, averages, and available statewide funds.



HHS will utilize provider enrollment instead of contracting for BH safety net treatment service providers.

Safety net providers must be enrolled and in good standing with the Medicaid program to be eligible for reimbursement of BH safety net treatment services.



HHS anticipates system testing prior to July 1, 2025, and will seek providers willing to participate to ensure clean claims payment processes are established.

BH-ASO Contracting

Iowa HHS is processing budget and expenditures to allocate funding.

- HHS will transmit IPN, CMHC, and Tobacco Community Partnership contract information to BH-ASO in early February.
- HHS has not received all MHDS regional contracts but will transmit them to the BH-ASO once received.


Iowa PCA will execute one contract across all sources of funds for activities and services NOT associated to claims payment that will be managed and funded through the BH-ASO including:

- Prevention and early intervention activities.
- System sustainability and service access funding for safety net services.
- Training and other provider network supports.


The BH-ASO will begin provider outreach and contracting activities after contracts are transmitted by HHS.

We'll provide a progress update and next steps in the February Town Hall!


BH-ASO District Advisory Councils




•Iowa Primary Care Association is actively recruiting for District Advisory Councils. Each District will have a 10 member council consisting of the following:




• 3 local elected officials; 3 representing populations served (adult & child); 3 w/ experience or education in essential behavioral health functions; 1 law enforcement



•District Advisory Council application forms are found on both the Iowa Primary Care Association (PCA) and Iowa HHS websites.



•Persons interested in representing their district have until mid-February to apply. Iowa PCA will screen and interview eligible applicants during the month of February.



•Applicants for District Advisory Council should expect a decision by the end of February. Inaugural council meetings for each district are anticipated for late March/early April 2025.



Questions



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