



# Behavioral Health and Disability Services Town Hall

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# Behavioral Health

Federal Funding Update, Behavioral Health Service System Statewide Plan, Provider Claims Payment System

# Federal Funding Update

Iowa HHS has received notice that federal funds that supported temporary COVID activities through the American Rescue Plan Act have been or may be canceled effective March 24, 2025. We have confirmed the following grants may be impacted:

- Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services-ARPA (Behavioral Health)
- COVID-19 Mitigation (Behavioral Health)
- Mental Health Block Grant – ARPA (Behavioral Health)
- COVID Health Disparities (Public Health)
- Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID (Public Health)
- Immunization and Vaccines for Children (Public Health)

**We are seeking clarification from our federal partners as to other impacted grants and remain committed to serving Iowans through the resources we have available.**

# Behavioral Health Statewide Plan: Progress Update



# Safety Net Management Information System (SNMIS)

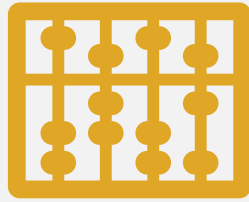
## What is it?

- Claims payment system for safety net services for both Behavioral Health and Disability Services.
- Works like fee-for-service Medicaid claims payment system but, used for fee schedule payments for safety net services.

## Who will use it?

- Billable services only.
- Medicaid Enrolled Providers in good standing.
- Able to submit electronic claims and accept electronic payment.

# How will claims be paid?



Provider **Submits Claim** via **SNMIS**

SNMIS **Adjudicates** Claim for **Payment**

Based on Adjudication, SNMIS **Processes Payment**

**Payment** is sent to Provider

Will all current contracts and terms be carried over on July 1st?

The BH-ASO will contract to **assure access** and **fulfill the new requirements** outlined in 225A and rule effective July 1, 2025.



Iowa HHS has reviewed all current contracts and has shared all contracts with the BH-ASO.



Not all currently contracted programs and services meet the definitions or requirements of the new law.

<p>Program or Services Fulfills Requirement</p> <p>BH-ASO contract to assure access</p>	<p>Uncertain if Program Meets Requirement</p> <p>BH-ASO will evaluate, may contract short term</p>	<p>Program or Service Does Not Fulfill Requirement</p> <p>BH-ASO will not contract, may seek new terms</p>	<p>Services paid via claims do not require a contract and will be paid based on Iowa HHS' SNMIS fee schedule.</p>
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# BH-ASO Updates

**Jeni Hanselman, Chief Behavioral Health Officer,  
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# March Updates

- **Met with each of the 11 MHDS Region teams**
  - Reviewed unique and critical services and programs; access points and System Navigation suggestions to assist with District Assessments and Planning
  - Follow up meetings to discuss communication needs and continuity of care planning
  
- **BH District Advisory Councils**
  - Completed initial evaluation of applications received
  - Finalizing selections; applicants will be notified in April
  - Virtual meet and greets to review of District Assessments will take place in April

# March Updates



- Historical Contract Review
- ASO Staffing
- System Navigation
- Communications - [info@iowapca.org](mailto:info@iowapca.org)

# Disability Access Points Update

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## District 2 | Central Iowa Community Services

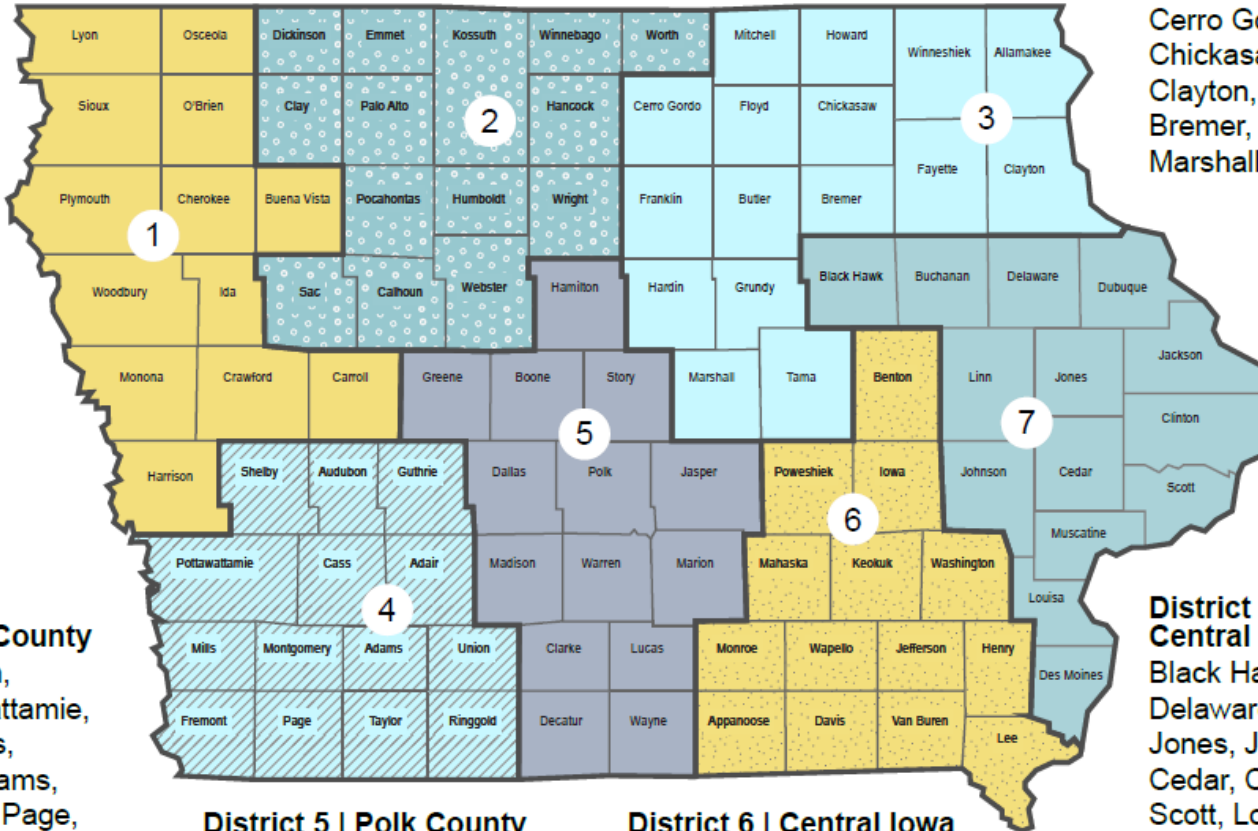
Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth, Clay, Palo Alto, Hancock, Pocahontas, Humboldt, Wright, Sac, Calhoun, Webster

## District 3 | Central Iowa Community Services

Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Chickasaw, Fayette, Clayton, Franklin, Butler, Bremer, Hardin, Grundy, Marshall, Tama

## District 1 | Pottawattamie County

Lyon, Osceola, Sioux, O'Brien, Plymouth, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Woodbury, Ida, Monona, Crawford, Carroll, Harrison



## District 4 | Pottawattamie County

Shelby, Audubon, Guthrie, Pottawattamie, Cass, Adair, Mills, Montgomery, Adams, Union, Fremont, Page, Taylor, Ringgold

## District 5 | Polk County Behavioral Health

Hamilton, Greene, Boone, Story, Dallas, Polk, Jasper, Madison, Warren, Marion, Clarke, Lucas, Decatur, Wayne

## District 6 | Central Iowa Community Services

Benton, Poweshiek, Iowa, Mahaska, Keokuk, Washington, Monroe, Wapello, Jefferson, Henry, Appanoose, Davis, VanBuren, Lee

## District 7 | MHDS of East Central Iowa

Black Hawk, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Linn, Jones, Jackson, Johnson, Cedar, Clinton, Muscatine, Scott, Louisa, Des Moines

# Disability Access Point Initial Priorities

## Continuity of Care

- Communication with individuals, caregivers, care teams, providers, partners, community members, etc.

## Transition Plan for July 1st Go Live

- Engagement in planning and completing outreach for transition with service network and community.
- Communication

# Key Transition Areas of Focus



Warm hand offs for Service Coordination of LTSS



Provider Communication and Training



Engagement and outreach to community and stakeholders about existing and transitioning network



Establishing Disability Service District Advisory Councils



# Questions

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Health and  
Human Services