Provider Payments



Safety Net Management Information System (SNMIS)

What is it?

- The claims payment system for safety net services for both behavioral health and longterm services and supports for disability services.
- Works like our fee-for-service Medicaid claims payment system but used for fee schedule payments for safety net services.

Who will use it?

- Providers of Behavioral Health or Disability Services who are Medicaid-enrolled providers in good standing. To enroll as a Medicaid provider, find directions at hhs.iowa.gov/medicaid/ provider/enrollment.
- Must be able to submit electronic claims and accept electronic payment.
- Will use standard Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes and ICD-10 diagnosis codes.

How will Claims be Paid?

- 1. Step one: Provider submits claim via SNMIS.
- 2. Step two: SNMIS adjudicates claim for payment.
- 3. Step three: Based on adjudication, SNMIS processes the payment.
- 4. Step four: Payment is sent to the provider.

Iowa HHS will publish fee schedules for all safety-net services that are reimbursed via SNMIS.

Which services can be billed through SNMIS?

Non-Medicaid LTSS Disability Services

- Supported community living (SCL)
- Intensive residential services (IRSH)
- Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/ID)
- Residential Care Facilities (RCF)
- Adult day service
- Respite
- Personal Response System

- Residential Care Facility (RCF)
- Supported Employment including Individual Placement and Supports (IPS) Small-Group
- Long-Term Job Coaching
- Prevocational services
- Vocational skills training
- Day Habilitation

Portable Locator System

Crisis Services

- Mobile Response
- Crisis Screening and Assessment
- Crisis Evaluation

Mental Health Services

- Diagnostic Evaluations
- Outpatient Therapy
- Psychiatric Medication Prescribing and Management
- Partial Hospitalization
- Inpatient Hospitalization

Crisis Stabilization Residential

- Crisis Stabilization Community Based
- 23-hour Observation
- Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP)
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation (IPR)
- Subacute Services

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Problem Gambling Outpatient Treatment Services

- Assessment
- Counseling and Therapy
- Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP)
- Partial Hospitalization
- Residential Treatment

*This list is not all inclusive. A safety net fee schedule is to come with official rates and details.

Will all current contracts be carried over on July 1?

The **behavioral health administrative service organization (BH-ASO)** will contract to ensure access and fulfill the new requirements outlined in 225A and rules effective July 1, 2025.

Similarly, **Disability Access Points (DAPs)** may provide or contract with providers for short-term services and supports to ensure access and fulfillment of the new requirements outlined in rules effective July 1, 2025.

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) has reviewed all current contracts and has shared all the contracts with the BH-ASO.

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

- Services paid via SNMIS do not require a contract and will be paid based on Iowa HHS' fee schedule.
- For services that fulfill a requirement and are not paid via SNMIS, the BH-ASO or DAPs will contract to ensure access.
- For services that may not meet a requirement but may fulfill a short-term need for continuity of care, the BH-ASO or DAPs may contract in the short-term and will evaluate for ongoing needs.
- > For programs or services that do not fulfill a requirement the BH-ASO will not contract.