

INTENSIVE BEHAVIOR HEALTH SERVICES (IBHS) WEBINAR  
NOVEMBER 20, 2019

**This webinar will be recorded and  
posted online at a later date**

# IBHS IMPLEMENTATION

- IBHS regulations were published on 10/19/19
- Providers of IBHS are required to comply with the IBHS regulations by 1/17/20
- Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations (BH-MCO) collaboration and standardization
- Department collaboration
- Year long transition process to move from BHRS to IBHS so that children, youth and young adults will continue to receive services without disruption.
- All IBHS agencies must be licensed by 1/17/21
- No BHRS may be provided after 1/17/21

# REGIONAL FORUMS

- 7 regional forums took place from mid October through mid November
- Opportunity for stakeholders to meet with OMHSAS staff
- Provided an overview of key areas within IBHS

# REGIONAL FORUMS

## WRITTEN ORDER

- Qualifications to write an order
- Ordering, referring and prescribing (ORP)
- Maximum number of hours (“up to”)
- Continued use of psychological evaluations
- Outreach to qualified prescribers

# IBHS REGIONAL FORUMS

## ASSESSMENT

- Consistent with a written order
- Discrepancy with a written order
- Qualifications to conduct an assessment
- A Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) is considered an assessment
- Even if a psychological evaluation is completed an assessment is still needed

# IBHS REGIONAL FORUMS

- No longer required to have Interagency Service Planning Team (ISPT) meetings
- Community Residential Rehabilitation-Host Home (CRR-Host Home)
- Program exceptions
- Evidence-Based Therapy (EBT)
- Service descriptions
- Individual license vs agency license

# DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF IBHS TRAININGS

- Overview of Department approval process
- Trainings that do not require Department review and approval
- Request for IBHS training approval form
- IBHS training approval letter and IBHS training record number
- Resource account for questions/comments on trainings: [RA-PWIBHSDeptTrng@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWIBHSDeptTrng@pa.gov)

# MEDICAL NECESSITY GUIDELINES (MNG)

- MNG are being developed for IBHS
  - MNG for individual services
  - MNG for group services
  - MNG for ABA services
  - MNG for EBT delivered through individual services, ABA services or group services
- Discussion regarding MNG for CRR-Host Homes



# FAMILY OUTREACH & EDUCATION

- BH-MCOs are responsible for working with families and providers of IBHS to prepare for the transition to IBHS (i.e. provider meetings, care management, family meetings).
- OMHSAS has developed resources for families around the transition from BHRS to IBHS
  - Family Fact Sheet
- What else would be helpful for family outreach or guidance?



What's New?  
Publications

## Intensive Behavioral Health Services

Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) support children, youth, and young adults with mental, emotional, and behavioral health needs. IBHS offers a wide array of services that meet the needs of these individuals in their homes, schools, and communities. IBHS has three categories of service: 1) Individual services which provide services to one child; 2) Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) which is a specific behavioral approach to services; and 3) Group services which are most often provided to multiple children at a specific place. Evidence-based treatment (EBT) can be delivered through individual services, ABA services, and group services.

### Related Topics

No related topics were found.

## TRAINING & WEBINARS

### Statewide Webinars

- **Oct. 4** — 9 a.m.-noon  
Please register for the webinar at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8478881019548619788>
- **Nov. 20** — 1-4 p.m.  
Please register for the webinar at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5160815511865426445>

• After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

# IBHS RESOURCES

- IBHS Website <http://www.healthchoices.pa.gov/providers/about/behavioral/inbehavioralhs/index.htm>
  - Includes updated and new resources
    - Frequently Asked Questions
    - IBHS Department-Approval of Training
    - IBHS Family Fact Sheet
    - IBHS Draft Codes
- IBHS Resource Account [RA-PWIBHS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWIBHS@pa.gov)
- IBHS Training Resource Account [RA-PWIBHSDeptTrng@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWIBHSDeptTrng@pa.gov)



Licensing

# LICENSING UPDATES

- Statewide over 350 agencies have been identified as needing an IBHS license.
- An IBHS agency is defined in Chapter 5240 as an entity that provides one or more IBHS.
- IBHS includes individual, group, applied behavior analysis, and evidence-based therapy programs.

# LICENSING TIMEFRAMES

- IBHS agencies will be licensed in four different phases as outlined in section 5240.3.
- IBHS agencies that meet the requirements included in section 5240.3(a) will need to be licensed by January 17, 2020. This includes providers of IBHS that are not enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) program.
- All agencies that provide IBHS must obtain a license.
- It is an agency's choice whether the agency enrolls in the MA program (Fee-for-Service or HealthChoices) for payment purposes. Licensing and enrollment are separate processes.

# LICENSING UPDATES

- Service description submission
  - Submit regionally
  - Should address each service type provided
  - Must include locations where group services are provided
- Licensing applications
- Site visits

# REGIONAL FIELD OFFICE CONTACTS

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# Enrollment/Billing

# ENROLLMENT/BILLING

- IBHS agencies may enroll for the following three provider type/specialty code combinations:
  - Individual IBHS: Provider Type 11; Provider Specialty 590
  - Group IBHS: Provider Type 11; Provider Specialty 591
  - Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) IBHS: Provider Type 11; Provider Specialty 592
- These provider type/specialty code combinations are currently active in PROMISe
- Draft procedure codes and corresponding provider type/specialty combinations are on the IBHS website.
  - Some pricing modifiers may be changed when rates are finalized

# ORDERING, REFERRING, PRESCRIBING (ORP) ENROLLMENT

- There are currently seven professionals who can order, refer, or prescribe IBHS:
  - Psychiatrist: Provider Type 31; Provider Specialty 339
  - Psychologist: Provider Type 19; Provider Specialty 190
  - Licensed Clinical Social Workers: Provider Type 11; Provider Specialty 116
  - Physician Assistants: Provider Type 10; Provider Specialty 100
  - Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner: Provider Type 09; Provider Specialty 093
  - Licensed Professional Counselor: Provider Type 11; Provider Specialty 594
  - Licensed Marriage Family Therapist: Provider Type 11; Provider Specialty 593
- As with other MA services, practitioners that order, refer, or prescribe IBHS for MA beneficiaries must be enrolled in the MA program for the IBHS agency to receive MA payment for IBHS.
- As of October 2019, Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists are able to enroll as ordering, referring, and prescribing practitioners.

# PROVIDER ENROLLMENT

- Electronic Provider Enrollment Application can be accessed from a secure internet site:  
<https://provider.enrollment.dpw.state.pa.us/Home>
- Utilizing the Electronic Provider Enrollment Portal is the preferred method for submitting IBHS agency enrollments
- In the event that you are not enrolling using the Electronic Provider Enrollment Portal please send your applications by paper or scan and e-mail directly to OMHSAS at:

<b>US Mail</b>	<b>OMHSAS/BPSU Provider Enrollment 303 Walnut St Commonwealth Tower FL 12 Harrisburg, PA 17128-2005</b>
<b>Scan/Email/Questions</b>	<a href="mailto:RA-PWSERVICES@pa.gov">RA-PWSERVICES@pa.gov</a>

## SYSTEMS RELATED QUESTIONS

**If an agency is not licensed to provide IBHS as of January 17, 2020, can the agency still bill using the new IBHS codes or will it have to bill the old BHRIS codes?**

*As of January 17, 2020, agencies may bill for either BHRIS or IBHS. OMHSAS will monitor to ensure that agencies are not billing for BHRIS and IBHS for the same service.*

**Can an agency submit claims for IBHS if the agency is not yet licensed?**

*OMHSAS is working with our data systems partners to develop a process for an agency that is not yet licensed as an IBHS agency to be able to submit claims using corresponding IBHS procedure codes for the BHRIS provided.*

**Will there be cutoff date or a soft transition for BHRIS claims?**

*Claims for BHRIS cannot be submitted with a service date that is after January 17, 2021.*

# RATES

- MA program fee-for-service rates are currently under review.
- When the review is completed the rates will be published in the PA Bulletin.

# CLOSING

- Thank you for your time.
- Please send additional questions/concerns to **IBHS Resource Account:**  
[RA-PWIBHS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWIBHS@pa.gov)