

May 3, 2024 BHP Operations Committee Meeting Summary

1. 1115 Waiver Updates –

- a. Certification Process – DMHAS reported on the work providers have put into meeting the standards to achieve certification. Based on the monitoring of the programs there will be two levels of certification:

- i. Level 1 which will be for 3 years
- ii. Level 2 which will be for 6 months

The week of May 12 letters will be going out to providers informing them of their certification process. A very high % will meet Level 1 certification. DMHAS will continue contractual monitoring during the certification period.

Any provider receiving Level 2 will be expected to achieve Level 1 certification in 6 months. Technical assistance will be provided by DMHAS, ABH and DSS.

- b. Audit process going forward – still in development by DSS
- c. Rate Setting – DSS will be reviewing cost reports and does not know if there will be changes to the rates. DMHAS will continue to monitor census and there may be additional changes to the grant allocations in FY'26. This year grant funding was added to the withdrawal management and pregnant and parenting programs. New levels of care – will there be grant funding to support them? It is unclear currently.

2. Outpatient Rates –

- a. \$5 million is available for behavioral health. \$3.5 million for clinics and \$1.5 for private practice. Clinics, both children and adults will receive a 6.5% increase. IICAPS will receive a 10% increase as will the family therapy code. The effective date has not been determined yet.
- b. Discussion about whether it is reasonable to expect providers to adhere to the ECC rates that were developed over 15 years ago when there have been very few rate increases since then. DSS said they would be open to suggestions from providers about adjustments.
- c. Rate increase in the future – TBD by the legislature.

3. JI Waiver –

- a. March 27 the waiver was submitted. 18 other states are in the cue waiting for feedback. Milestone 1 was reached. Implementation plan will involve providers, but it is unclear what the timeframe will be.

4. CCBHC Planning grant –

- a. DSS will apply for the planning grant in the fall.

*Please Note: There has been a change in the Medicaid rate increase because of budget language directing the entire \$7 million to children's services only.