

Behavioral Health Transformation: Implementation Timeline

Proposition 1 key milestones to implement the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) (SB 326) and Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act (AB 531).



	2024			2025			2026			2027		2028
	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q1 2027	Q2 2027	Q1 2028
BHT COUNTY ACTIVITIES	Conduct ongoing local stakeholder engagement.			<p>JANUARY 1, 2025 Integrated planning begins Upon guidance from the state, counties begin to develop three-year (2026-2029) implementation plans. Integrated Plans will include all local, state and federal behavioral health funding, a budget, alignment with statewide and local goals and outcome measures, and workforce strategies.</p> <p>County stakeholder planning Each county must involve diverse stakeholders in developing Integrated Plans for mental health and substance use disorder policy and program planning.</p>				<p>JUNE 30, 2026 First Integrated Plan due (for FY 26-29) Counties submit their behavioral health Integrated Plan to DHCS. Each county board of supervisors must approve the plan prior to the fiscal year or years the plan would cover.</p>	<p>JULY 1, 2026 Performance Contracts with BHSA requirements begins</p>		<p>JUNE 30, 2027 First annual update (for FY 27-28) to the Integrated Plan due Each county's board of supervisors must approve the annual update prior to the start of fiscal year or years it covers.</p>	<p>EARLY 2028 County Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability and Transparency Report due Each county and Medi-Cal behavioral health delivery system must submit the first County Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability, and Transparency Report to DHCS annually.</p>
BHT STATE ACTIVITIES	<p>APRIL 19, 2024 Monthly Public Listening Sessions Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) hosts the first of many Public Listening Sessions on a broad range of Proposition 1 topics. Public Listening Sessions will continue until fall 2024.</p> <p>APRIL 1 – MAY 14, 2024 Establish county administrative costs DHCS works with County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California and California State Association of Counties to estimate county administrative costs related to Proposition 1 implementation for May Revision.</p> <p>SPRING 2024 Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Bond stakeholder engagement</p> <p>JUNE 30, 2024 (NO LATER THAN) Establish the Behavioral Health Services Act Revenue Stability Workgroup DHCS to establish the Behavioral Health Services Act Revenue Stability Workgroup to assess BHSA revenue fluctuations and propose to the Legislature and Governor's Office recommendations to reduce revenue volatility and propose reserve levels.</p>	<p>Monthly Public Listening Sessions continue</p> <p>JULY 2024 Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready Request for Application (RFA) released</p>	<p>Monthly Public Listening Sessions continue</p> <p>DECEMBER 2024 Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready RFA due</p>	<p>JANUARY 1, 2025 Mental Health Services and Accountability Oversight Commission (MHSOAC) renamed Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSOAC)</p> <p>EARLY 2025 Initial BHSA Policy Guidance Issued DHCS will release policy and guidance in phases. The first set of policy and guidance released will be for the three-year Integrated Plans.</p>	<p>MAY 2025 Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready awards announced</p> <p>Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs RFA released</p> <p>JUNE 30, 2025 (ON OR BEFORE) Recommendations from the Behavioral Health Services Act Revenue Stability Workgroup released DHCS and California Health and Human Services Agency will submit the Behavioral Health Services Act Revenue Stability Workgroup's recommendations to the Legislature and Governor's Office.</p> <p>SUMMER 2025 Subsequent BHSA Policy Guidance Issued DHCS will continue to release policy and guidance in phases.</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 2025 Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs RFA due</p> <p>FALL AND WINTER 2025 Subsequent BHSA Policy Guidance Issued DHCS will continue to release policy and guidance in phases.</p>	<p>MARCH 2026 Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs awards announced</p> <p>SPRING 2026 Subsequent BHSA Policy Guidance Issued DHCS will continue to release policy and guidance in phases.</p>	<p>NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2026 DHCS receives county Integrated Plans</p>	<p>JULY 1, 2026 Evidence-based and community-defined evidence practices lists established DHCS, in consultation with stakeholders, will create a biennial list of evidence-based and community-defined evidence practices, operative on July 1, 2026.</p> <p>JULY 1, 2026 Establish county Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability and Transparency Report deliverables DHCS will establish required reporting elements and a timeline for submission.</p>			
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