Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) County Reporting Timelines

Counties are required to submit three-year Integrated Plans (IPs) as well as annual Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability, and Transparency Reports (BHOATR) to provide California with greater transparency into how counties spend behavioral health dollars and administer behavioral health care.



• For further information, visit the BHSA

County Policy Manual: Chapter 3.



All submissions must be uploaded via the BHSA County Portal. This portal is a user-friendly, digital platform for counties to prepare and submit their Integrated Plans on a rolling basis.

For questions, contact BHTinfo@dhcs.ca.gov.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND COUNTY ANNUAL UPDATE INTEGRATED PLAN TRANSPARENCY REPORT (BHOATR) **INTEGRATED PLAN NO LATER THAN WITHIN 30 DAYS NO LATER THAN JULY NO LATER THAN MARCH** WITHIN 30 DAYS **JANUARY DEVELOPMENT MARCH 31, 2026 OF SUBMISSION JUNE 30, 2026 OF SUBMISSION** 1, 2026 **MARCH 31, 2027** 30, 2028 31, 2029 Before submitting a **Counties must submit a DHCS will: Counties must submit a final FY** Counties must submit **DHCS** will review Integrated **Counties must submit the** Counties must submit draft Integrated Plan, **draft** Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2029 Integrated Plan to the draft FY a second draft for completeness **Plans** are draft 2027-2028 County counties must: 2026-2029 Integrated Plan. DHCS for review and approval. and adherence to the **Annual Update** to DHCS 2026-2027 BHOATR **Integrated Plan** effective >> Approve or deny Submissions must include: Submissions must include: BHSA county policy for FYs with County Administrative covering FY 2029-2032 requests for funding manual 2026-2029. Office approval exemptions or >> Involve diverse stakeholders >>> Funding Exemptions and transfer requests. Approval and certification by requirements. in developing Integrated **Transfer Requests** the county Board of Supervisors Plans for mental health and >>> Review the draft Certification from >> DHCS-approved Funding Integrated Plan for substance use disorder the County policy and program planning completeness and **Exemptions and Transfer Requests Administrative Officer** adherence to BHSA Conduct a 30-day Certification from the County County policy manual Certification from the public comment period Administrative Officer requirements. county Behavioral Health Director >> Certification from the county Behavioral Health Director -Year 3- Year 4 -Year 1 FINAL **FINAL** IF EXEMPTION/ IF IP REQUIRES IF IP REQUIRES **NO LATER JANUARY TRANSFER REVISIONS REVISIONS THAN JUNE** 30, 2029 **REQUEST DENIED** 30, 2027 Counties must submit the final **Submit**, with FY 2026-2027 County Board of County BHOATR. Supervisors approval, final FY 2027-2028 **IP REVISION REQUEST EXEMPTION/TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS County Annual Update** to DHCS If a draft or final Integrated Plan requires revisions, counties have **15 calendar** If an exemption/transfer request is denied and counties days from the revision notice to address the issues and resubmit their Integrated wish to appeal the decision, they must do so within **30** Plan. DHCS will then review the revised Integrated Plan within 15 calendar days. **calendar days** of the decision. *Updated October 2025*