

ENCLOSURE 1: BH-CONNECT Community Transition In-Reach Services – BHP Readiness Assessment

Overview

County Behavioral Health Plans (BHPs) that intend to participate in Community Transition In-Reach Services (“In-Reach Services”) are required to submit a Community Transition In-Reach Services BHP Readiness Assessment (“BHP Readiness Assessment”) as outlined in the BHIN 25-041. Only BHPs that administer Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) are eligible to offer Community Transition In-Reach Services. To qualify for Community Transition In-Reach Services, a Medi-Cal member must meet SMHS access criteria. A BHP cannot access Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for In-Reach Services until the Plan is approved by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

BHPs may opt into the program by completing and submitting the BHP Readiness Assessment via [DHCS’ website](#) on or after November 25, 2025. The BHP Readiness Assessment is provided here for reference only. BHPs must submit the BHP Readiness Assessment online. Only one Readiness Assessment is required per BHP for the duration of the demonstration and must be signed by the Behavioral Health Director or their designee.

For further information on In-Reach Services, please refer to BHIN 25-041, which includes references to the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) and existing authorities.

Find more information about BH-CONNECT on the [DHCS website](#). **Reach out to BH-CONNECT@dhcs.ca.gov if you have any questions.**

Section 1: Background information

BHP Name [Drop down]

Name of Individual Completing BHP Readiness Assessment [Free text]

Title/Role of Individual in Completing BHP Readiness Assessment [Free text]

Email Address [Free text]

Section 2: Effective Date of In-Reach Services

Please provide the effective date that the BHP plans to commence coverage of In-Reach Services (Note: The effective date for In-Reach Services may be no earlier than the submission date of this BHP Readiness Assessment.) [Date selection]

Section 3: Behavioral Health Care Continuum

Please attest that the BHP will complete the county Integrated Plan (IP) that shall 1) assess the availability of mental health and/or SUD services and housing options within the county and 2) indicate planned action steps (e.g., future service delivery/investments) based on the assessment). The IP is required by the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) as outlined in the [BHSA County Policy Manual](#) "Behavioral Health Care Continuum" section.¹

Completion and approval of the IP is required for approval of the BHP Readiness Assessment. BHPs that opt in to In-Reach Services prior to the IP due date must attest that they will complete the IP. If all other requirements of the BHP Readiness Assessment are satisfied, DHCS will issue conditional approval for BHPs to render In-Reach Services and access FFP until the IP is completed and approved by DHCS.²

BHSA County Integrated Plan

[checkbox] Attest that the BHP will complete the BHSA IP that shall 1) assess the availability of mental health and/or SUD services and housing options within the county and 2) indicate planned action steps based on the assessment.

Section 4: Forthcoming Processes for Bed Tracking Data Reports

BHPs will be required to add a bed tracking component pursuant to forthcoming guidance. This data and information will additionally serve to inform the State's monitoring and evaluation efforts required by CMS.

[checkbox] Attest to track and report, on an annual basis, data and trends in the number and utilization of beds across inpatient, subacute, and residential facilities (including Institutions for Mental Diseases) in which the BHP places members.

¹ The BHSA requires counties to submit three-year Integrated Plans (IPs) for Behavioral Health Services and Outcomes. As part of the IPs, counties will describe how they will plan expenditures across a range of behavioral health funding sources and deliver high-quality, culturally responsive, and timely care along the Behavioral Health Care Continuum, including through investments that expand access, close identified gaps, and improve performance. ([BHSA County Policy Manual](#))

² Final approval and coverage of waiver services is contingent upon the completed and compliant IP. The BHP assumes the risk for all In-Reach Services rendered during the conditional approval period.

Section 5: Additional DHCS Requirements for Evidence-Based Practices

Please attest that the BHP will cover and implement all of the following BH-CONNECT evidence-based practices (EBPs) as outlined in [BHIN 25-009](#). Please note that in addition to completing this BHP Readiness Assessment, BHPs will need to complete the EBP Opt-In Process, which is available on the [BH-CONNECT Opt-in landing page](#).

Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

[checkbox] Attest to launch Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services **within one year** of claiming FFP for In-Reach Services.

Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)

[checkbox] Attest to launch Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) services **within two years** of claiming FFP for In-Reach Services.

Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment

[checkbox] Attest to launch IPS Supported Employment services **within three years** of claiming FFP for In-Reach Services.

Peer Support Services, including Forensic Specialization

[checkbox] Attest that the BHP will provide Peer Support Services **prior to claiming** for In-Reach Services.

[checkbox] Attest to launch Peer Support Services with Forensic Specialization **within one year** of claiming FFP for In-Reach Services.