

ENCLOSURE 2: BH-CONNECT Community Transition In-Reach Services – Occupational Therapist Exemption

County Behavioral Health Plans (BHPs) unable to meet the Community Transition Team practitioner type requirements for occupational therapists may request a twelve-month exemption, from the effective date specified in their BHP Readiness Assessment, by submission of a description of facts and circumstance as evidence that the proposed exemption is appropriate, and a plan that describes how the BHP will work to resolve the workforce shortage. BHPs may request renewal exemptions on an annual basis.

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 Occupational Therapist Exemption Request [Free text]

Title/Role of Individual in Completing Occupational Therapist Exemption Request [Free text]

Email Address [Free text]

Section 2: Occupational Therapist Exemption Plan

- A. Please describe the workforce shortage of qualified occupational therapists which impedes the BHP's ability to meet the team composition requirement as described in BHIN 25-041 [text box, 250 word limit]
- B. Please describe the BHP's plan to expand the availability of occupational therapists in the licensed mental health professional provider network. [text box, 250 word limit]
- C. Please describe how the BHP will ensure Community Transition Teams in the county can perform their required functions without an occupational therapist. [text box, 250 word limit]

Please note DHCS may request supporting documentation such as evidence of contracting efforts or resources used to attempt to locate additional occupational therapist providers.