

2026 Behavioral Health Division Adult and Children's MH Priorities

1. Ensure that the BH HealthChoices capitation issues related to the MA unwinding are appropriately addressed without negatively impacting the service delivery system.
2. Work to expand the ICWC/CCBHC models of integrated behavioral and physical health services.
3. Pass legislation to reform regulatory standards on the utilization of psychiatrists and CRNPs across OMHSAS licensed programs.
4. Creation of a new Behavioral Telehealth Bulletin that eliminated the requirements of signed encounter forms.
5. Update the IBHS regulations to reduce the current supervision standards to align with national best practice guidelines to guarantee sustainable, quality access and service delivery.
6. Create sustainable pathways to accessible and affordable liability insurance for children's residential facilities.
7. Strive to incorporate a school-based behavioral health blueprint that ensures partnership between school districts and community-based mental health providers for quantifiable outcomes and student success.
8. Implementation of the RCPA & OMHSAS Family-Based policy and practice changes through a revised bulletin or policy clarification.