



NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION

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Contact Us:

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

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JULY 1ST TRANSITION TO NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION

Effective July 1, 2019, the North Sound BHO transitioned to the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO). The BH ASO is responsible to fund and monitor the Crisis Line, Mobile Crisis Outreach Services, Involuntary Treatment Act Investigation Services, and a number of non-Medicaid funded programs.

Non-Medicaid funded programs include: Federal Substance Abuse Block Grant funded services to low-income, non-Medicaid priority populations; Opiate Outreach Services; Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) services; Housing Peer Support Team Services and Vouchers funded through the Housing and Recovery through Peer Support (HARPS) program; prevention programs funded with Dedicated Marijuana Account tax dollars; Jail Transition Services; "Peer Bridger" services; and Ombuds services.

CHANGES TO CRISIS SERVICES

Effective July 1, 2019 the Designated Crisis Responders (DCRs) and the Community Prevention Intervention Teams (CPIT) will be integrated into single Mobile Crisis Outreach teams within each County. The existing level of staffing available for outreach will be maintained within each Mobile Crisis Outreach team. The teams include Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDPs) and have access to Certified Peer Counselors. Mobile Crisis Outreach services include access to the full continuum of Crisis Intervention services and civil commitment investigations. The process to request Mobile Crisis Outreach services remains the same, contact the Crisis Line at: **1-800-584-3578**

INTEGRATED MANAGED CARE PLANNING

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) is developing a long-term solution to support the transmission of "native transactions" as part of a Corrective Action Plan for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Although native transaction data is currently not required under Integrated Managed Care, the state's goal is to resume collecting native data by April 2020. During the interim period, behavioral health agencies are encouraged to continue to collect native data as you do now, in order to preserve the infrastructure to meet the new requirements when these are implemented. For the full text of HCA's guidance go to the: [HCA Non-Encounter Data Guidance Document](#) and the [BHDS Data Guide v.3.0](#)



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CHANGES TO REQUEST AUTHORIZATION PROCESSES

For assistance in requesting authorization for inpatient psychiatric services, other Medicaid services, or other non-Medicaid services, contact North Sound BH-ASO at 360-416-7013 and speak with a Quality Specialist.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANT SERVICES

Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) funding is available for identified priority populations. If you have individuals that meet the criteria for SABG services, please submit a request for services via our electronic authorization process.

SABG Priority Populations, in priority order:

- Pregnant injecting drug users.
- Pregnant substance abusers.
- Women with dependent children.
- Injecting drug users.

The following are additional priority populations for SABG services, in no particular order:

- Postpartum women up to one (1) year, regardless of pregnancy outcome).
- Individuals transitioning from residential care to outpatient care.
- Youth.
- Offenders.

Service provisions available include:

- Interim Services
- Residential Treatment
- MAT; and
- Limited Outpatient Services.

If you have any questions about the authorization process, please call 360.416.7013, x.311 or x.655.

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EARLY WARNING REPORTS

Beginning August 22, 2019, the Health Care Authority will be creating “Early Warning Provider Payment and Crisis System Metrics” dashboards. These will be presented to the North Sound Early Warning Metrics workgroup which will review them and develop recommendations for the Health Care Authority and Interlocal Leadership Structure. A link to the proposed North Sound Early Warning Metrics can be found on the North Sound BH ASO website at <http://www.nsbhaso.org/>