



# NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION

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## NORTH SOUND INTEGRATED PROVIDER MEETING

The *North Sound Integrated Provider Meeting* hosted by North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO) is being discontinued and will be rolled into the *North Sound Behavioral Health Provider Meeting* that is hosted monthly by Community Health Plan Washington (CHPW) on the **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.** This meeting includes providers, all five (5) managed care organizations, Health Care Authority, and North Sound BH-ASO. If you do not have the invite for the *North Sound Behavioral Health Provider Meeting* on your calendar, please email Marci Bloomquist with CHPW: [Marci.Bloomquist@chpw.org](mailto:Marci.Bloomquist@chpw.org). We appreciate all of the participation and input that has been provided in this forum and look forward to our continued collaboration.

## 2021 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE TRAINING

North Sound BH-ASO will provide information on how to access the approved web-based training provided by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). If your organization intends to use a different training, it must submit a copy of the training materials to North Sound BH-ASO for our records. A copy of the training may be submitted via email [compliance\\_officer@nsbhaso.org](mailto:compliance_officer@nsbhaso.org).

Each provider will need to complete an annual attestation form that provides evidence that all employees and downstream entities (sub-contractors) that provide health care or administrative services for North Sound BH-ASO members at or on behalf of the provider organization have completed, or will complete, the above training. Completed attestations may be submitted via email to [compliance\\_officer@nsbhaso.org](mailto:compliance_officer@nsbhaso.org). A copy of the attestation can be found in the Program Integrity section of our Forms and Reports page on our website <https://nsbhaso.org/for-providers/forms>.

## 2021 DEA PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – DEADLY FAKE PRESCRIPTION PILLS

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has issued a Public Safety Alert on the sharp increase in fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and Meth. These pills are marketed as legitimate prescription pills and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including minors. For details, please see the **attached flyer**.



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## **ASOs AND MCOs LAUNCH WORKGROUP TO ADDRESS WORKFORCE SHORTAGES**

The BH-ASOs and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) have launched a state-wide workgroup to address behavioral health workforce shortages. The workgroup will work closely with the state Workforce Training and Education Board's Behavioral Health Group and the Health Care Authority to support the state's behavioral health workforce plan. We're interested identifying specific strategies to support workforce retention that we as funders can help support. As part of this effort, we're interested in opportunities to receive input directly from front-line behavioral health staff and are open to any suggestions behavioral health agencies might have to provide this input.

## **WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL DISCHARGES**

North Sound has received additional funding for monitoring individuals discharging on a Less Restrictive Order or Conditional Release from Western State Hospital. We also have funding for behavioral health treatment services and medications for individuals uninsured and/or not covered by Medicaid who are being discharged. If you are interested in providing these services, please email Margaret Rojas at [margaret\\_rojas@nsbhaso.org](mailto:margaret_rojas@nsbhaso.org) or call 360.416.7013.