



## North Sound BH-ASO

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### North Sound BH-ASO Memorandum 2026-03

**DATE:** May 22, 2026

**TO:** North Sound BH-ASO Provider Network – Community Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds

**FROM:** Lisa Hudspeth, Contracts Manager

**RE:** Notice Regarding Behavioral Health Enhancement Funding for FY 2026–2027

Dear North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (North Sound BH-ASO) Providers,

North Sound BH-ASO is issuing this Numbered Memorandum to inform providers currently receiving Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds through North Sound BH-ASO contracts that **Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds will not be included in July 1, 2026 contract amendments**. Providers currently receiving these funds are encouraged to participate in an upcoming application process for continued and ongoing funding consideration.

North Sound BH-ASO is currently reviewing and updating its Community Behavioral Health Enhancement (CBHE) Communication Plan. This updated plan will guide the future distribution and use of Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds in alignment with regional priorities, behavioral health system needs, and state expectations.

As part of this process, North Sound BH-ASO will implement a transparent and equitable funding process in which **all providers within the North Sound provider network will have the opportunity to apply for Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds**, including providers currently receiving funding. Funding will not automatically continue and will instead be awarded through an application and review process intended to support ongoing regional behavioral health priorities.

Application materials, eligibility requirements, timelines, and submission guidance will be released following finalization of the updated CBHE Communication Plan. It is the intent of North Sound BH-ASO to incorporate awarded Behavioral Health Enhancement funding into provider contracts in **late summer 2026**, following completion of the application and review process.

Funding decisions will be based on alignment with the updated CBHE Communication Plan, demonstrated community and system need, and provider capacity to support behavioral health goals within the North Sound region.

North Sound BH-ASO values the partnership of providers in expanding and strengthening behavioral health services across the region. Additional information, including anticipated timelines and application details, will be shared as it becomes available.

Please direct any questions regarding this memorandum to North Sound BH-ASO staff, as appropriate.

Cc: North Sound BH-ASO Contracts; North Sound BH-ASO Staff