

Community Behavioral Health Treatment Provider Relief Funds

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Introductions

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Introductions of HCA staff



What are behavioral health treatment provider relief funds?

- ▶ Provider Relief funds were provided to the Health Care Authority to address behavioral health treatment access resulting from
 - ▶ Workforce shortages
 - ▶ The COVID-19 public health emergency
- ▶ Funds were provided to HCA in the 2022 supplemental community behavioral health budget [ESSB 5693 Section 215\(104\)](#)
- ▶ Funds will be lump sum payments to eligible community behavioral health treatment providers dispersed before October 1, 2022

Eligible uses of funds

- ▶ What can the funds be used for?
 - ▶ Immediate workforce retention and recruitment
 - ▶ Childcare stipends
 - ▶ Student loan repayment
 - ▶ Tuition assistance
 - ▶ Relocation expenses
 - ▶ Other workforce recruitment efforts
 - ▶ Costs incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- ▶ Funds are eligible to be used for costs incurred prior to July 1, 2022 but must be used for costs incurred after March 3, 2021
- ▶ Providers must agree to expend the funds by June 30, 2023

Eligible Behavioral Health Treatment Providers Include:

Community Behavioral Health treatment providers who are:

- ▶ Non-hospital-based
- ▶ Contracted and receiving payment through a Managed Care Organization (MCO) or a Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (BHASO)
- ▶ Licensed as a BHA to provide:
 - ▶ Withdrawal management and secure withdrawal management
 - ▶ Residential and 24/7 treatment providers providing, substance use disorder (SUD), mental health (MH), and co-occurring services
 - ▶ Outpatient treatment providers providing, SUD, MH, and co-occurring services Evaluation and treatment (E&T) Centers
 - ▶ Crisis stabilization, crisis triage, and mobile crisis providers

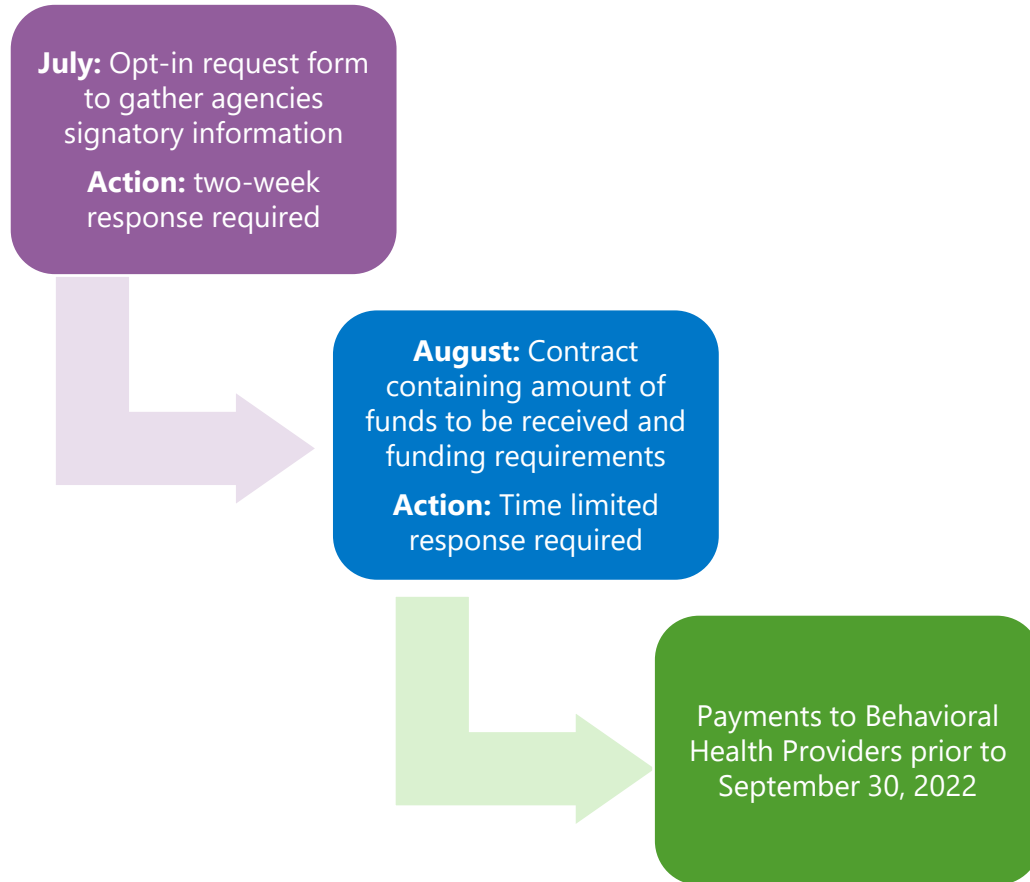
Ineligible Behavioral Health Providers Include:

- ▶ Hospital based behavioral health services
- ▶ Substance use disorder Prevention and mental health promotion community wellness services
- ▶ Children's Long-term Inpatient (CLIP)
- ▶ Problem Gambling services and supports
- ▶ Recovery Support Services including:
 - ▶ supportive housing
 - ▶ supportive employment
 - ▶ recovery cafés
 - ▶ other non-treatment recovery services

Payment Methodologies

- ▶ Payments will be determined based on the number of people served by eligible providers during six months of 2019 and six months of 2021.
- ▶ Client counts will be estimated based on claims from ProviderOne
- ▶ HCA will use these reviews to determine the most equitable distribution methodologies for these payments.

Two-step Process to Receive Funds



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Visit: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/contractor-and-provider-resources>