



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

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June 6, 2025

Dear Tribal Leaders and Partners:

**SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Network Adequacy Standards in the Integrated Managed Care Contract**

In accordance with Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1515 (E2SHB 1515), Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) is conducting annual forums with community partners to gather feedback that will help us make updates to behavioral health network adequacy standards for Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) in the Integrated Managed Care (IMC) contract. HCA seeks your input and feedback to update these standards.

HCA is required to develop network adequacy standards for behavioral health providers as directed in [E2SHB 1515](#). These standards, which went into effect in 2025, help to define the expectations of MCOs when building their behavioral health provider networks. E2SHB 1515 also required HCA to solicit feedback from community partners on an annual basis for the purpose of creating and updating these network adequacy standards. HCA is conducting our annual Community Partner Regional Forums to gather this required feedback.

We would like to include Tribal partners as we gather feedback to update these network adequacy standards for 2026. We will take your recommendations into consideration when we update the IMC contract for the coming year.

HCA has reserved the following time for a Tribal listening session during the regular Tribal Centric Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting.:

**Listening Session**

**Date:** June 18, 2025

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83503370132?pwd=xdkDJaesRbQKwcnGzbo7Ec3aRVqrxk.1>

We look forward to speaking with you all about these network adequacy standards. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Nuñez, Behavioral Health Network Manager at [leah.nunez@hca.wa.gov](mailto:leah.nunez@hca.wa.gov).

Please contact Aren Sparck, Tribal Affairs Administrator by email at [aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov](mailto:aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov) if you have tribal affairs-related questions.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

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