

Behavioral Health Hospital & Residential Facilities Forum

Behavioral Health Benefits Team
July 17th, 2025 12-1PM

Agenda:

- ❑ Welcome and Introductions
- ❑ Serious Mental Illness (SMI)/Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)
1115 Waiver Demonstration
- ❑ Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) and Place of Service
- ❑ Behavioral Health Secure Transport
- ❑ Open Discussion

Serious Mental Illness (SMI) & Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) 1115 Waiver Demonstration

How to Prepare

- Attend a Forum or Workgroup
 - [Behavioral Health Hospital and Residential Facilities Forum \(BHHRF\)](#)
Quarterly (July, Oct, Jan, Apr) - Third Thursday of the month, 12-1 PM
 - [SMI/SED Stakeholder Engagement Workgroup](#)
Monthly (Aug, Sept, Nov, Dec, Feb, March) - Third Thursday of the Month, 12-1PM
- Review Websites [HCPF BH Webpage](#) & [1115 SUD Waiver Webpage](#)
- Update Provider Enrollment- include bed capacity and IMD status
- Review [ASNA Criteria](#)

Mobile Crisis Response

Joint Policy Memo on Facility-Based Mobile Crisis Response in Colorado

- Only place of service code allowed is 15

Mobile Crisis Response Webpage

Statewide Behavioral Health Billing Manual

Behavioral Health Secure Transportation

Behavioral Health Secure Transportation (BHST) is a benefit for all Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) members who are experiencing a **behavioral health crisis** and require **urgent transportation** for behavioral health stabilization and treatment.

- Transportation from the site of the behavioral crisis to the closest, most appropriate facility.
- A behavioral health crisis must be established by 5 types of professionals
 - Skilled professional
 - Intervening Professional
 - Independent professional person
 - Certified peace officer
 - An Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

BHST Continued

- Transportation between the following types of facilities
 - An emergency medical services facility, including but not limited to: hospitals, hospital units, freestanding emergency departments, psychiatric hospitals, community clinics, behavioral health entities, substance abuse treatment facilities, crisis stabilization units, or acute treatment units.
- BHST providers must submit the BHST 250+ Mileage Verification Form, ([Provider Forms web page](#)) The form must be filled out by the Behavioral Health provider who requested the BHST trip.
- Please contact your RAE or county for a list of Behavioral Health Secure Transport providers in your area.

[BHST Webpage](#)

[BHST 101](#)



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