



Mental Health Transitional Living Home Level 2 Provider Tool Kit

Level 2 Home Fact Sheet November 2024

Scope & Purpose

Mental Health Transitional Living (MHTL) Level 2 homes will serve as a step-down option from inpatient and acute residential care settings to fill an underserved need for support for Health First Colorado members with severe mental illness, substance use disorders/ co-occurring disorders, criminogenic factors, history of behavioral acuity, and short or long-term 27-65 certification. In the future, the homes may also serve as a setting when deemed a medically necessary level of care regardless of referral source and lower level of care settings can no longer adequately or safely provide effective care.

The focus of the MHTL Level 2 Homes programming will be on providing continued support with social and life skills development, as well as assistance with other daily life activities based on an individual's needs. The MHTL Homes will have two levels of care (Level 1 and Level 2), which allows for the provision of services to a larger population of Coloradans.

Level 2 homes, specifically, will provide individuals additional structured behavioral health intervention and support within the setting of the home itself including but not limited to individual and group therapy, medication management and dispensation, therapeutic services, group activities, support with ADLs including life skill activities and training.

Level 2 Home Operational Requirements

Level 2 Homes must:

- Provide 24-hour supervised residential treatment by at least 2 staff members
- Provide 600 minutes (ten hours) of planned treatment services to each individual on a weekly basis.

Provider Licensing, Enrollment, and Contracting Requirements

The following are the necessary steps required to become a Health First Colorado Behavioral Health Provider

Step 1: Ensure correct licensing



MHTL Level 2 home providers will be required to hold a BHE (Behavioral Health Entity) license with an Adult Mental Health Transitional Living, Level 2 sub-endorsement. Learn more about [Behavioral health licensing](#) or [book a support session](#) with the BHA.

Step 2: Enroll with Health First Colorado

All providers must enroll as Health First Colorado Providers through the [Provider Enrollment portal](#).

MHTL Level 2 home Providers will enroll as Provider Type 96 - Adult Mental Health Residential Speciality 561 - Supported Therapeutic Transitional Living

Please see the following Health First Colorado resources for more detailed guidance:

- Adult Mental Health Residential - [Find Your Provider Type](#)
- Enrollment Type: Facility - [Enrollment Checklist: Facility](#)
- Health First Colorado [Provider Enrollment Portal](#)

Additional [provider support](#) available.

Step 3: Contract with your Managed Care Entity

After successfully completing licensing and enrollment requirements, each MHTL Level 2 home provider must contract with the appropriate Managed Care Entities (MCEs) to be reimbursed by Medicaid.

Contact information for current MCEs can be found here: [Provider Help Contacts](#).

Level 2 Sustainability Requirements

Each location registered as a Level 2 Provider must maintain up to date information with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)

Helpful Resources

- [SBHS Billing Manual](#)
 - MHTL level 2 home providers should bill H0019 + HB modifier. Additional details can be found in the billing manual.
- [Placement Criteria](#) - Level 2 Homes: Supported Therapeutic Transitional Living
 - Level 2 Homes will be specific to individuals requiring ongoing, structured behavioral health interventions as well as assistance in regaining ADL skills. Level 2 homes will allow for supported transition of individuals with 27-65 certification.
- [Provider Enrollment Powerpoint](#)
 - Details on how to enroll as a provider, provider requirements & types, common errors, and information about the application process.



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