



HEALTH CARE
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Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

REGIONAL PLAN

What are the eligibility requirements for the BHRIA funding?

Each of the thirteen (13) Behavioral Health Regions adopted by the Behavioral Health Executive Committee are each eligible to submit one Regional Plan.

Each region will develop its Regional Plan to clearly describe the selected priorities, how funding will be leveraged to advance those priorities sustainably, and how the Regional Plan will be monitored and measured over time pursuant to the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA).

Each region must have identified an Accountable Entity to submit their respective Regional Plan to the Behavioral Health Executive Committee. The Accountable Entity may be a government, nation, pueblo, tribe, or quasi-government entity and will serve as the fiscal agent for the region.

Where can I find guidance on Regional Plans?

The Behavioral Health Services Division at the Health Care Authority has posted Regional Plan proposal guidance, including detail on required elements and attachments, on its website: [Behavioral Health Reform – New Mexico Health Care Authority](#)

How many behavioral health priorities should our Regional Plan include?

Each region may include up to five behavioral health priorities that can be addressed over a 4-year implementation period. Regions will be asked to rank order their respective region's priorities (e.g., 1-top priority to 5-lowest priority).

Please rank order and clearly label the behavioral health priorities (e.g., Priority 1–Clinical Services; Priority 2–Prevention).

How will stakeholders be heard and community-identified needs be prioritized in Regional Plans?

The Administrative Office of the Courts has coordinated regional meetings, sequential intercept mapping and the development of Regional Plans. If behavioral health stakeholders request to participate in the development of a Regional Plan, the Administrative Office of the Courts has included those stakeholders in the development of the plan.

Accountable Entities are responsible for submitting final Regional Plans to the Behavioral Health Executive Committee.

How are Nations, Pueblos and Tribes to be included in regional planning?

Regions are encouraged to have meaningful and ongoing collaboration consistent with government-to-government principles with Nations, Pueblos and Tribes at any stage of planning or implementation.

Are health councils, local collaboratives and similar entities eligible to participate in Regional Plans?

Entities such as health councils, local collaboratives or other stakeholder groups may participate in regional plan activities if their role is clearly described in the Regional Plan and aligns with allowable activities under BHRIA. For example, a health council could help coordinate or support programming if the work is directly tied to the priorities identified in the Regional Plan.

Ultimately, the allowability of any specific use of funds will be evaluated as part of the Regional Plan review process.

How are priorities similar across regions being addressed?

Behavioral Health Regions may identify priorities which apply state-wide. While Regional Plans are to identify priorities identified by the region, regions are encouraged to consider opportunities for shared solutions and mutually identified gaps or needs requiring broader coordination.

What additional documents or attachments are required in Regional Plans?

[Section 7.3 of the Regional Plan guidance](#) lists each of the required documents to include with the Regional Plan submissions.

Regions will be asked to include formal agreements amongst entities participating in the initiative, Letters of Interest, Behavioral Health Provider Index, Logic Models, Evaluation Plan, Budget Justification, and E-SIM reports as attachments to their Regional Plan.

What types of formal agreements amongst entities participating in the initiative are required?

Formal agreements between organizations participating in the initiative documented through Inter-Governmental Agreements, Joint Powers Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding, Memorandums of Agreement, or similar structures are acceptable attachments to Regional Plans.

Some types of agreements may require review by legal counsel and should be included in the Regional Plan proposals as applicable to the unique dynamics of the respective collaboration in the Behavioral Health Region.

What should be included in the Behavioral Health Provider Index?

The index should include contact information for practicing behavioral health providers in your region, including Medicaid and non-Medicaid providers, and should reflect the range of provider types across the behavioral health continuum of care. It should include information such as provider name, location, address, court district, and service county.

- Applicants may use the Health Care Authority (HCA) **Behavioral Health Provider Directory Tool** to help identify and review providers operating within their region.
- To access this directory tool, please visit the NMRecovery.org. Under the “**Resources**” tab, specific “**State of New Mexico**” resources are highlighted, including the “**NM Provider Directory**,” available for download.
- Instructions on how to utilize this “**NM Provider Directory**” are highlighted on the first tab of the excel-file download. However, if you have any follow-up questions or concerns related to this document, or the required Behavioral Health Provider Index, please reach out for help (BHRIAsupport@hca.nm.gov).

What content should be included under Measuring Success versus the Logic Models and Evaluation Plans?

Regions should address and reference their logic models and evaluation plans in their Regional Plan narrative as part of what is required under [Section 7 of the Regional Plan guidance](#). Complete logic models and evaluation plans are to be submitted as separate file attachments within the Regional Plan submission.

Additional guidance and resource support for developing Logic Models and Evaluation Plans are available on the Health Care Authority, BHRIA website under Evaluation Guidelines: [Behavioral Health Reform – New Mexico Health Care Authority](#).

Will we receive feedback on our proposal?

If questions or requests for additional details about a Regional Plan submitted to the Behavioral Health Executive Committee are identified, notification will be sent to the accountable entity.

Who approves of Regional Plans?

The Behavioral Health Executive Committee has final approval of all Regional Plans.

What are the reporting requirements?

Regions will be expected to provide **quarterly** reports documenting progress on activities, metrics, and other requirements outlined in [Section 6.2 of the Regional Plan guidance](#).

The Behavioral Health Executive Committee will designate a government entity within each behavioral health region to provide a written report to the legislature and the judicial and executive branches of government. The annual report will include:

- the status of the implementation of each regional plan and sequential intercept mapping;
- available data on performance measures included in each regional plan;
- public feedback on the implementation of each regional plan;
- uniform responses to data requests made by a legislative committee, the administrative office of the courts or an executive agency;
- a list of qualified and certified behavioral health service providers in each region that provide services described in the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act; and
- recommendations on successes, gaps and needs to better provide behavioral health care services.

The reporting schedule will be specified in the final contract.

Who should we contact if we have questions or if we need technical support?

Please send inquiries to our BHRIA Team (BHRIAsupport@hca.nm.gov).

Where can I find more information about Senate Bill 3 (SB3 2025), the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA)?

You may find more information on the following webpages:

- Administrative Office of the Courts - [HERE](#)
- Health Care Authority - [HERE](#)
- Senate Bill 3 (2025) - [HERE](#)

Where can Regions find a defined statewide Behavioral Health Standard?

Regions may review the Behavioral Health Standards here: [Behavioral Health Service Standards](#).

HCA New Mexico Administrative Rules:
[Program Rules – New Mexico Health Care Authority](#)

BHSD resources are available on the **New Mexico Recovery** website:
[Resources – New Mexico Recovery](#) | nmrecovery.org

Is there any current BH training available?

BHSD has listed training at NMRecovery.org:
[Training Calendar – New Mexico Recovery](#)

Is there any BH provider support assistance available?

Provider support through BHSD is dedicated to helping behavioral health service providers grow and develop to meet the needs of their communities. The Provider Support team can often translate the roadblocks or speed bumps providers run into, the technical language used within the Medicaid systems helping to dissolve those blocks.
Contact: bh.qualityteam@hca.nm.gov