

Early Access Regional Funding Allocation Weights & Rationale

CATEGORY	RATIONALE
Equal Base Allocation	Ensures that all Behavioral Health Regions receive a minimum level of guaranteed funding to maintain essential behavioral health services and infrastructure, supporting ongoing operational costs.
Population & Behavioral Health Service Need(s)	Allocates funding based on regional populations size and behavioral health needs within a region.
Service Gaps	Prioritizes regions with inadequate behavioral health infrastructure and /or limited-service availability – such as lack of outpatient services, medication-assisted treatment, and crisis services.
Disproportionate Impact	Applies additional weighting for regions, Indian nations, tribes, or pueblos with rural or frontier areas, and communities with disproportionate behavioral health challenges, such as elevated rates of overdose, suicide, or poverty rates.