SB3 Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act
Regional Plans Funding Formula Logic

The Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) developed an equitable funding formula to distribute SB3 behavioral health funds across the designated 13 regions. The model ensures each region receives predictable baseline support while directing funds to areas with greater population size, provider shortages, and disproportionate behavioral health challenges.

1. Equal Base Allocation = 20%

Ensures every region has a guaranteed baseline level of funding to support essential operational capacity and foundational services. The total special appropriation available for disbursement is divided evenly across all 13 regions. For example, a $10,000,000 special appropriation for outpatient treatment and medication-assisted treatment equates to $769,230.80 per region.

2. Population Allocation = 30%

Calculated using U.S. Census Bureau county-level population data. Each region's population is divided by the total New Mexico population to determine its population share. That percentage is then applied to the 30% portion of the specific total special appropriation. For example, for the same $10.0 million special appropriation, $3.0 million represents the population allocation, which is distributed across regions based on each region's percentage of the statewide population.

3. Service Gaps (HRSA Mental Health HPSA Scores) = 35%

Uses HRSA Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) scores, which reflect population-to-provider ratios, poverty levels, and travel time barriers. County scores are converted to a statewide percentage and aggregated by region to direct funds toward areas with the most significant behavioral health service shortages.

4. Disproportionate Impact = 15%

Provides additional weighting for regions facing structural and social challenges such as rurality, Tribal populations, poverty, and geographic isolation. A needs-aligned methodology ensures equitable and consistent application across regions.

Native American Service Population Method

County-level Indian Health Service (IHS) population data were compiled by region. The Native American service population within each region was calculated as a percentage of that region's total population. That percentage was then applied to the region's potential total SB3 allocation to determine the portion of funds intended to support Native American communities within that region.

Category	Allocation %	Rationale
Equal Base Allocation	20%	Foundational funding for all 13 regions
Population & Behavioral Need	30%	Proportional distribution by population size
Service Gaps	35%	Addresses workforce and service shortages
Disproportionate Impact	15%	Supports Tribal, rural, and high-vulnerability areas
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