

Adult BH HCBS Infrastructure Proposal Administration and Overhead Cap Revision

The NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) is administering the Adult Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services (BH HCBS) Infrastructure program to increase access to and utilization of BH HCBS. The goal of the BH HCBS Infrastructure Program is to develop comprehensive strategies to address barriers to access and utilize BH HCBS, and to solicit and fund provider proposals to increase access to and the provision of BH HCBS for HARP enrollees.

Based on discussions with Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs) and providers, the State is revising the Guidance for Adult BH HCBS Infrastructure Funds with the following clarification:

The State originally envisioned that most provider administration and overhead (A&OH) expenses for the Adult BH HCBS Infrastructure Program would be included in the OTPS line of the provider proposal budget template, which would make a 6 percent cap on additional A&OH sufficient. Based on feedback from HARPs and providers, the State will simplify the A&OH cap by increasing it to 15 percent to match the standard NYS allowance outlined in Executive Order 38.

The HARPs have been notified they can negotiate an appropriate A&OH rate with providers for Infrastructure proposals at their discretion. Negotiated A&OH rates must be for allowable expenses, justifiable, and directly tied to the increase and utilization of Adult BH HCBS. In no circumstances can provider A&OH rates exceed 15 percent.

The Guidance for Adult BH HCBS Infrastructure Funds states that NYS encourages BH IPA collective administrative cost, including administrative costs to be shared with provider network, be limited to no more than 5 percent. Any administrative costs associated with a BH IPA must be included within the total 15 percent A&OH proposal cap.