



Provider Newsflash



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HB 1860: Inpatient Behavioral Health Discharges for Those with Homelessness and Housing Instability **Effective January 1, 2023** **(Medicaid)**

On January 1, 2023, HB 1860 goes into effect with new requirements for managed care organizations (MCOs) and inpatient behavioral health providers. This legislative requirement requires notification and coordination for individuals discharging from inpatient behavioral health settings to support discharge to stable housing.

The new legislative requirements include:

- Inpatient behavioral health providers and MCOs are required to collaborate on housing-related care coordination for discharge planning purposes for individuals in inpatient behavioral health settings,
- Inpatient behavioral health providers are required to notify a patient's MCO at least 24 hours prior to discharge, or on the day of discharge for patients leaving against medical advice. Notification must include housing instability or homelessness risk.

Providers will:

- Identify housing status and assess risk for housing instability at admission and determine needs prior to discharge.
- Include housing status/needs in admission notification and/or continued stay requests submitted to the MCOs.
- Will notify and collaborate with MCOs when additional assistance is needed with discharge planning and housing-related discharge needs.
- Provide individuals discharging from inpatient behavioral health settings with necessary housing services and supports.
- Notify MCOs, at least 24 hours prior to discharge, or on the day of discharge for individuals leaving against medical advice. Notification will identify those with housing instability and/or those at risk of homelessness.
- Provide discharge information, for those individuals identified at risk of homelessness to include a summary of discharge planning and housing-related resources provided.

MCOs will:

- Use information provided through the UM process to screen all individuals admitted to inpatient behavioral health hospitalizations for housing status, risk of housing instability and potential housing needs as identified by providers during treatment.
- Collaborate with inpatient behavioral health providers on discharge planning and housing-related discharge needs as requested by provider or identified through the UM process.
- Provide members resources and assistance in accessing housing resources via Care Coordination as needed.

Provider Overview Webinar to provide an overview related to HB 1860 and discharge planning requirements.

Dates:

- December 15, 2022 – 11:00 am – 11:30 am, via Zoom
- January 11, 2023 – 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m., via Zoom

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Thank you for your continued service to Molina Healthcare of Washington MCO members.