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TO: Hospitals, Psychologists, Physicians, Advance Practice Nurses, Independent Clinics, FQHCs, and Substance and Alcohol Abuse Centers - **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Invitation to Participate in the “Behavioral Health Promoting Interoperability Program” (BH PIP)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To advise providers that the BH PIP provides financial incentives to eligible behavioral health clinics to implement or upgrade their electronic health record (EHR) systems with the goal of improving care coordination, data sharing and operational efficiency.

BACKGROUND: The BH PIP was authorized as a part of New Jersey’s 1115 Demonstration, during the approval period from April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028, to advance behavioral health integration and interoperability. This initiative aligns with federal goals to enhance health information technology adoption among behavioral health providers and supports compliance with CMS interoperability standards.

The program is administered by the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) in partnership with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) within the Department of Human Services (DHS). The New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII), Healthcare Division, will serve as the designated facilitation partner.

ACTION: Providers interested in participating in the BH PIP must visit the New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII) webpage, at <https://www.njii.com/healthcare/behavioral-health-bh-pip/> to complete a brief questionnaire and determine eligibility. Once eligibility has been confirmed, an NJII coordinator will contact the provider to guide them through the program requirements, including education on milestones, deliverables, and the collection of supporting documentation. Providers must submit all the required documentation through the New Jersey Medicaid Management Information System (NJMMIS) portal for attestation.

Following the State’s review and approval of the submitted documentation, NJII will be authorized to coordinate the incentive payment to the participating behavioral health facility. NJII is the State-designated entity responsible for providing technical assistance and program support throughout participation in the BH PIP at no cost to the providers.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a licensed behavioral health facility (independent clinic) in New Jersey
- Must demonstrate $\geq 20\%$ Medicaid patient volume over a consecutive 90-day period within the past 12 months. CHIP members do not count toward the Medicaid patient volume eligibility criteria and out of state patients must not exceed the in-state patient percentage.
- Cannot have previously participated in the substance use disorder (SUD) Promoting Interoperability Program.

Program Benefits

- Up to \$55,000 in milestone-based financial incentives
- Integration with NJ Health Information Network (NJHIN) and NJ Prescription Monitoring Program (NJPMP)
- Enhanced telehealth and consent management capabilities
- Dedicated technical assistance from NJII

Medicaid Patient Volume Requirement:

For the purposes of eligibility determination only, all Medicaid members are included when calculating patient volume for program eligibility. In accordance with federal requirements, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) members are excluded from the patient volume calculation and do not count toward program eligibility. BH PIP incentive payments are provider-based and milestone-driven and are not tied to services furnished to individual members.

Contact Information

For questions regarding this newsletter or the BH PIP program, please contact: NJII Program Support: BHPIP@njii.com or visit NJII webpage <https://www.njii.com/healthcare/behavioral-health-bh-pip/>

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