



# Provider Newsflash



A fax bulletin for the Molina Healthcare of Washington Provider Network

## Health Care Authority's Final BHDS Data Guide -- Now Available Standardized Non-Encounter Data Set Begins January 1, 2020

Molina would like to inform our provider partners of the latest developments from (the Health Care Authority (HCA) regarding the SAMHSA Block Grant Data Corrective Action Plan.

### New & upcoming HCA communications

- The finalized Behavioral Health Supplemental Transaction Data Guide is now available on HCA's website under the "BHO transition: Behavioral Health Data System (BHDS)" section: [hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/contractor-and-provider-resources](https://hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/contractor-and-provider-resources). This standardized data guide establishes the non-encounter data set that will be required to be reported per HCA's SAMHSA Block Grant Data Corrective Action Plan (CAP), and includes standard data definitions and transaction formats.
- HCA has also created a BHDS change summary detailing the differences between the previous BHDS Data Guide and this updated guide, also available at the link above. The summary only covers significant changes, and does not cover misspellings, formatting, or other minor changes.
- Beginning January 1, 2020, MCOs/BH-ASOs will serve as a bridge between providers and HCA by collecting the data from the providers via a standardized format and submitting the data to HCA via the Behavioral Health Data System (BHDS) no later than April 1, 2020. HCA strongly encourages providers and regions to continue collecting and reporting this data during the CAP interim period if they are able to do so.

### A brief overview of recent HCA decisions

- MCOs are still working out the details on how they will collect this data from providers. We will share more information as soon as it is available. **In the meantime, we encourage providers to review the final data guide and make necessary changes to ensure you are able to collect the data starting January 1, 2020. All licensed and certified BHAs contracted with the MCOs/BH-ASOs are required to collect this data.**
- MCOs and BH-ASOs must submit data to HCA no later than **April 1, 2020**, for Washington to be compliant with the SAMHSA CAP.

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Thank you for your continued service to Molina members.