Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield (Highmark BCBS) partners with Wellpoint companies to administer certain services to Medicaid Managed Care (MMC), Health and Recovery Plan (HARP), Child Health Plus (CHPlus), and Essential Plan members. Please note, this information is specific to the MMC, HARP, CHPlus, and Essential Plan programs only.

# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Provider education Session one



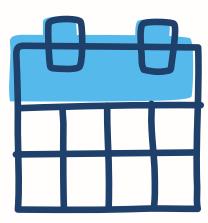
#### Important information

- Coding guidance provided does not nor is it intended to replace official coding guidelines or
  professional coding expertise. Providers should consult contract language and contact health plan
  representatives to fully understand any contractual coding requirements. For claims-specific questions,
  please contact your Provider Services representative Mary Ferber at [email]
- Attendees are eligible to claim 1.0 continuing medical education (CME) and 1.0 continuing education unit (CEU) for completion of one full hour of webinar training. For questions regarding continuing education, please email:
  - continuing-education@anthem.com.
- Training is approved by the American Association of Family Physicians (AAFP) and accepted by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC).



#### Agenda

- Plan overview (five minutes)
  - Our initiatives and strategies
- Behavioral health services overview (20 minutes)
  - Behavioral services and care management
- Behavioral health and primary care coordination (15 minutes)
  - Coordination of care and the standards of care (SOC)
- Operational systems (20 minutes)
  - Quality care teams, procedures and processes
- Knowledge check (five minutes)
  - Review of information and resources





# PLAN OVERVIEW



## Highmark BCBS

- Highmark BCBS is a division of HealthNow New York Inc., an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Highmark BCBS offers a full range of insured, self-insured and government programs.
- Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) and Child Health Plus (CHPlus), the government-sponsored health insurance programs, provide services to eligible members in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties. Services cover families and individuals. Highmark BCBS also offers dental and vision plans. As a community-based, not-for-profit health plan, Highmark BCBS contributes significantly to organizations that strengthen and enrich the health of our community.





## Our strategy

#### Our strategy is to:

- Improve access to preventive primary care services by ensuring the selection of a primary care provider (PCP) who will serve as provider, care manager and coordinator for all basic medical services.
- Educate members about their benefits, responsibilities and the appropriate use of health care services.
- Encourage stable, long-term relationships between providers and members.
- Discourage medically inappropriate use of specialists and emergency rooms.
- Commit to community-based enterprises and community outreach.
- Facilitate the integration of physical and behavioral health (BH) care.
- Foster quality improvement mechanisms that actively involve providers in re-engineering health care delivery.
- Encourage a customer service orientation with regular measurement of member and provider satisfaction.





## New York State (NYS) initiatives

- NYS Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MMCOs) are managing the delivery of expanded Medicaid covered services for all Medicaid enrolled children.
- The transition of an expanded array of services and certain populations to MMC is a key component of the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Children's Medicaid Redesign Plan to fundamentally restructure and transform the health care delivery system for individuals 21 and under who have BH needs and medically complex conditions.
- The Children's Medicaid Redesign Plan consists of a set of initiatives that will be implemented via proposed state plan amendments (SPA), which includes six new SPA services.



#### NYS initiatives (cont.)

- A key feature of the MRT initiatives is to transform the health care delivery system from a fee-for-service (FFS) chronic care model to a community-based MMC model.
- A critical component of the NYS vision for the Children's Medicaid Redesign Plan is an effective partnership between MMC and providers to:
  - Support delivery system transformation.
  - Promote early identification, prevention and treatment.
  - o Reduce the need for intensive services, acute levels of care and out-of-home services.



# BH SERVICES OVERVIEW



## Goals of the partnership

#### Partnering to:

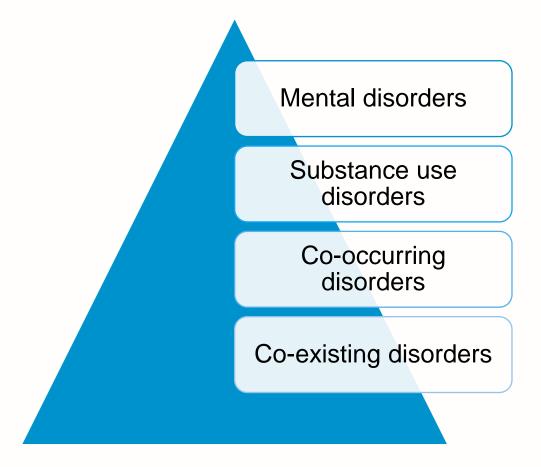
- Coordinate members' physical and BH care
- Provide education, access, care and outcome programs
- Lower costs and improve quality care for members





#### What is BH?

BH conditions include mental and substance use disorders.





# How do we approach BH?

#### BH care usually starts with:

- Screening
- Treatment
- Recovery services





## Mental health by the numbers

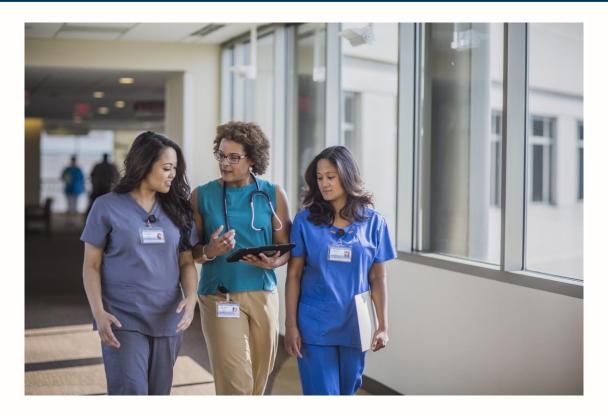
43.8 million adults in America experience mental illness of some kind in a given year.

That's one in every five adults.





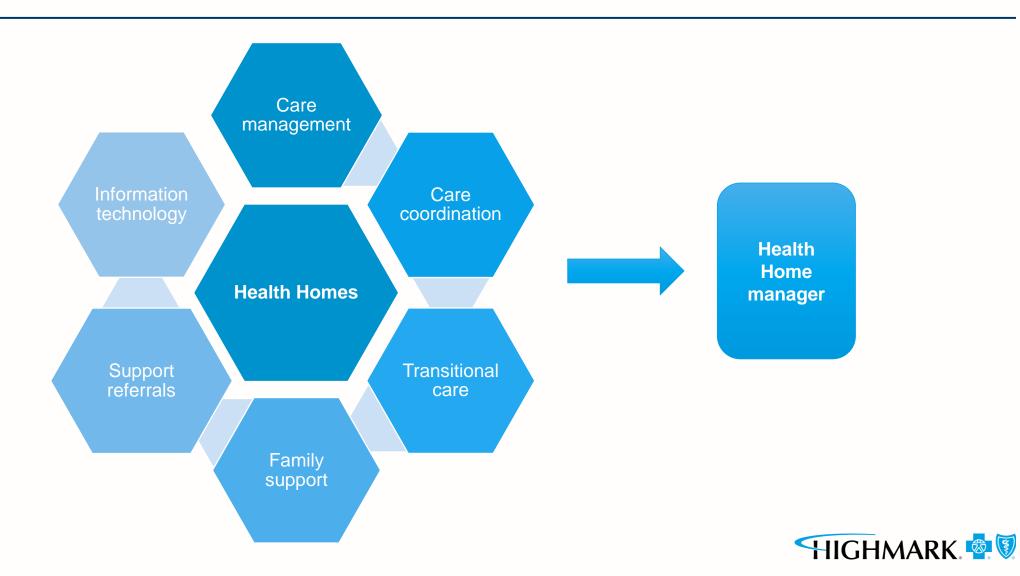
# Highmark BCBS BH program



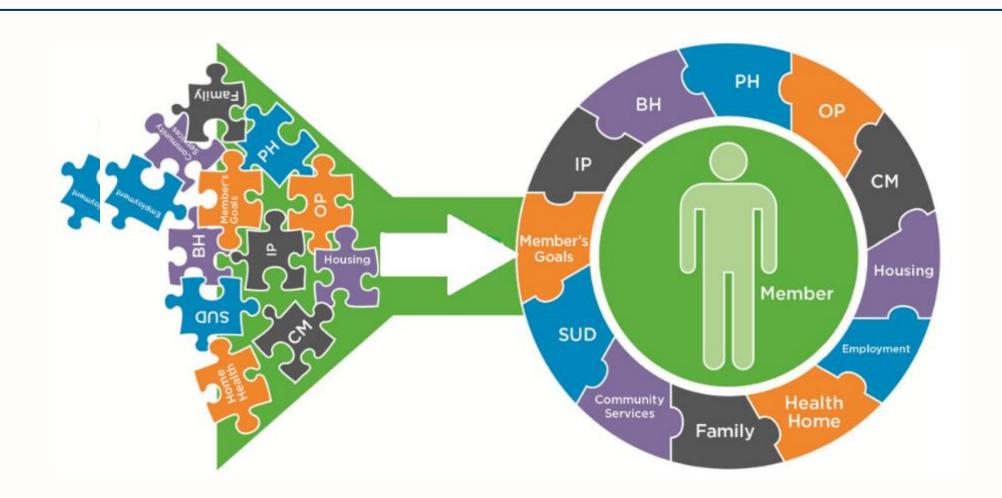
Helping to manage the needs of members seeking treatment for mental health issues and substance abuse



#### **Health Homes**



# Integrated care





#### Person-centered care

- Care planning
- Individualized strategies
- Member centered
- Culturally competent

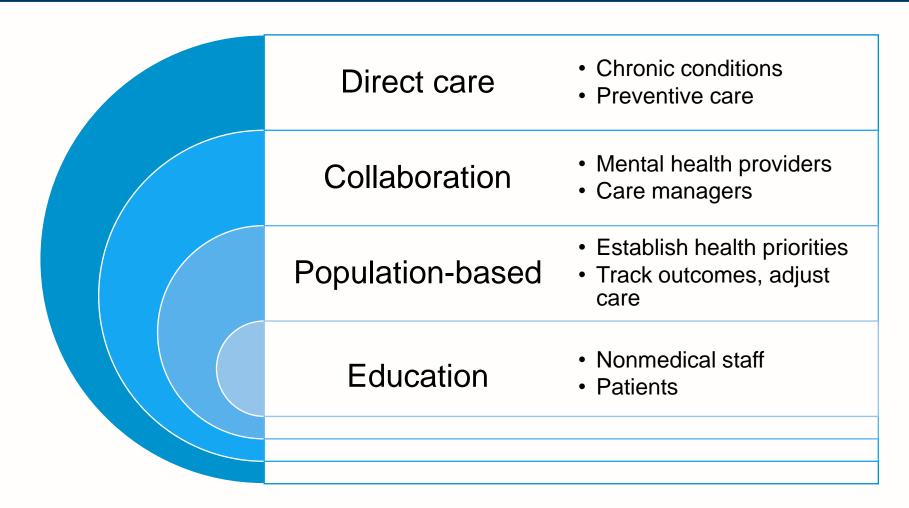




# BH AND PRIMARY CARE COORDINATION

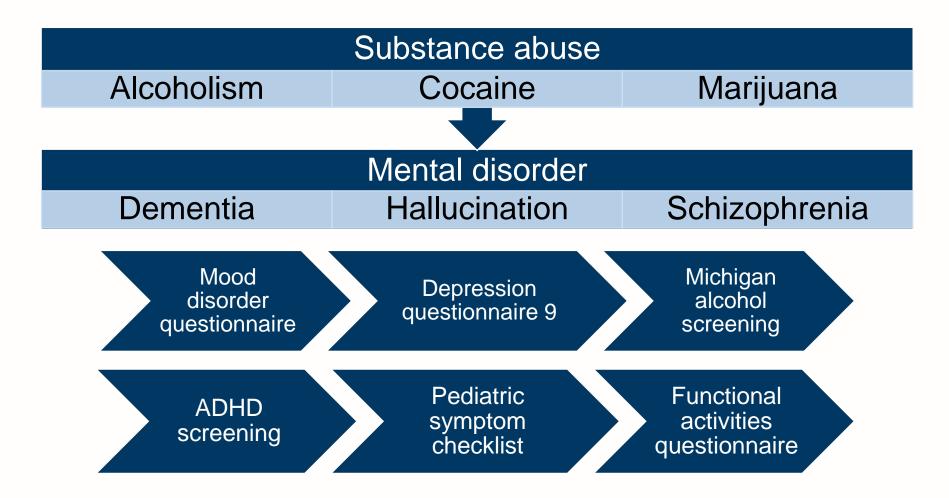


#### BH and PCP coordination





#### BH screenings and co-occurring disorders

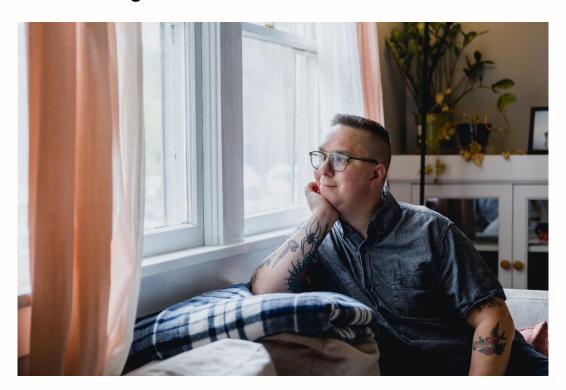




#### Pediatric BH

Childhood mental illnesses often persist into adolescence, including:

- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
- Generalized anxiety disorder (GAD).





#### Pediatric BH (cont.)

#### Children's services

Other licensed practitioner (OLP)

Community psychiatric supports and treatment (CPST)

Psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR)

Youth peer support and training (YPST)

Crisis intervention (CI)



#### Clinical Practice Guidelines

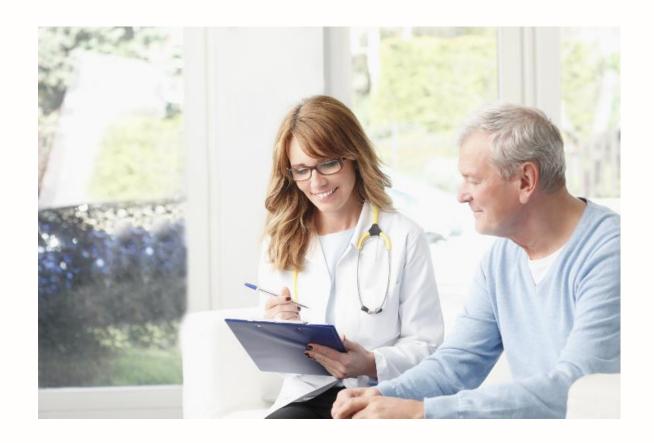
• Using nationally recognized standards of care, Highmark BCBS selects at least four evidence-based Clinical Practice Guidelines that are relevant to the member population each year.





#### Evidence-based practices

• Evidence-based practices involve collecting, evaluating and implementing evidence to improve patient care and outcomes.



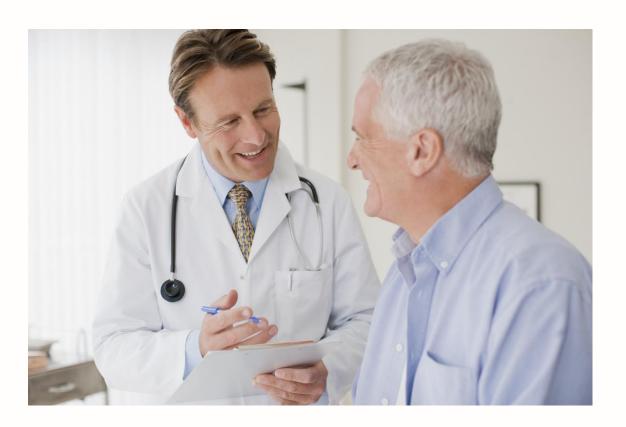


# OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS



#### Medical necessity

- Delivery of care
- Provider collaboration
- Level of care (LOC)
- Medical necessity tools:
  - LOCADTR for SUD
  - MCG Care Guidelines





## Utilization management

- Utilization management involves:
  - Prevention of unnecessary and inappropriate services.
  - Trained health care professionals reviewing care based on:
    - Place of service.
    - Quality.
    - Medical necessity.
    - Medical decision making.
    - Length of stay (inpatient).
    - Available services used.



#### Authorization and precertification



Authorization and notification required for **some** services:

- Verify services or inquire about denied authorization.
- Providers call **1-877-269-5515** within seven business days.



#### Required services:

- All inpatient and residential services
- Community day treatment
- PROS and ACT
- Intensive outpatient and psychiatric rehabilitation



#### Precertification required for **some** services:

- Providers can access the Precertification Lookup Tool (PLUTO).
- Providers call 1-866-231-0847.
- More information can be found by logging into Availity website.



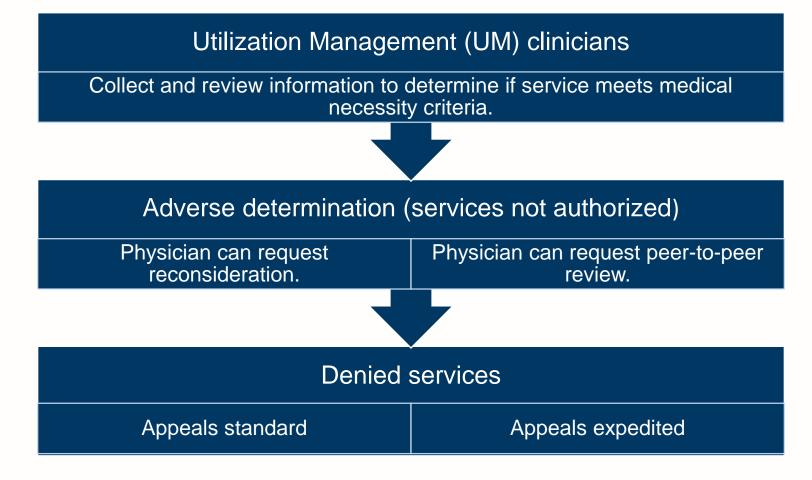
## BH services that require precertification

Service	Requirement	Comments
Behavioral Health/ Substance Abuse	Precertification	<ul> <li>Inpatient psychiatric, inpatient detoxification, inpatient substance abuse rehabilitation and ambulatory detoxification treatment require precertification and concurrent review.</li> <li>No precertification is required for participating providers for coverage of traditional outpatient services such as individual, group and family therapy.</li> <li>Precertification is required for coverage of psychological and neuropsychological testing.</li> <li>Electroconvulsive therapy requires precertification.</li> <li>Partial hospitalization – requires precertification.</li> <li>Rehabilitation services for residential SUD treatment supports (OASAS service)</li> <li>Rehabilitation services for residents of community residences (year 2)</li> <li>Precertification is required for the following services:         <ul> <li>Continuing day treatment</li> <li>PROS</li> <li>ACT</li> <li>Psychosocial rehabilitation</li> <li>Community psychiatric support and treatment (CPST)</li> </ul> </li> <li>No precertification required for the following:         <ul> <li>Medically supervised outpatient withdrawal – Ambulatory Detox</li> <li>Outpatient SUD Services (OASAS BH Solo/ group practice)</li> <li>Opioid treatment program / Methadone Maintenance (OTP services)</li> <li>Outpatient services – MH (OMH services, BH solo/group practice)</li> <li>Comprehensive psychiatric emergency program</li> <li>Intensive case management/supportive case management</li> <li>Health Home care coordination and management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>Not all inclusive, see provider manual for more details.



# Appeals





## Appeals (cont.)

- Designee has 90 calendar days from the date of notice to file.
- In cases of retrospective services, a provider may file an appeal on their own behalf.
- An appeal may be filed by calling Member Services at 1-866-231-0847, or in writing to:

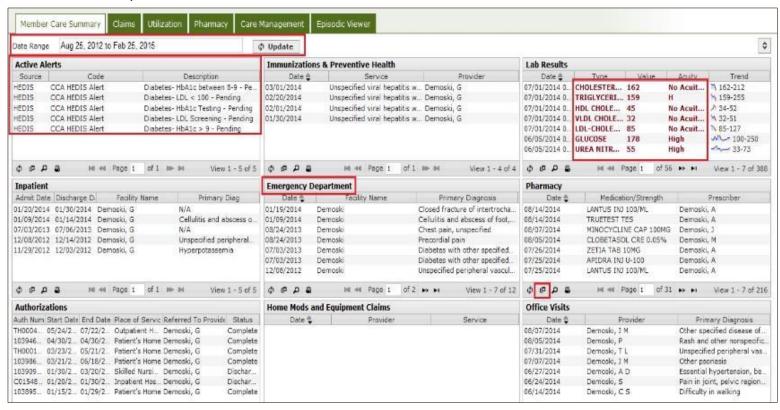
Medical Appeals P.O. Box 62429 Virginia Beach, VA 23466-2429

All standard verbal appeal requests must be followed up with a written request.



#### Patient 360

Patient 360 is a longitudinal patient record that allows providers to see claims, authorizations, lab and medication data.

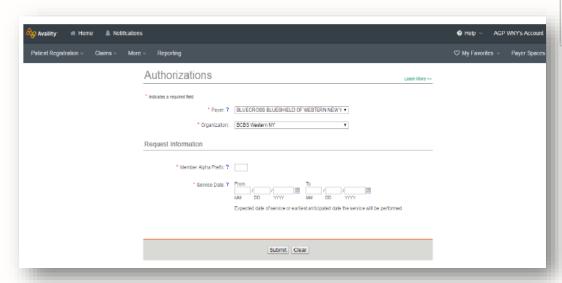




#### Provider tools

#### Self-service:

- Claims submission
- Claims status
- Eligibility
- Authorizations
- Electronic funds transfer (EFT)
- Electronic remittance advice (ERA)

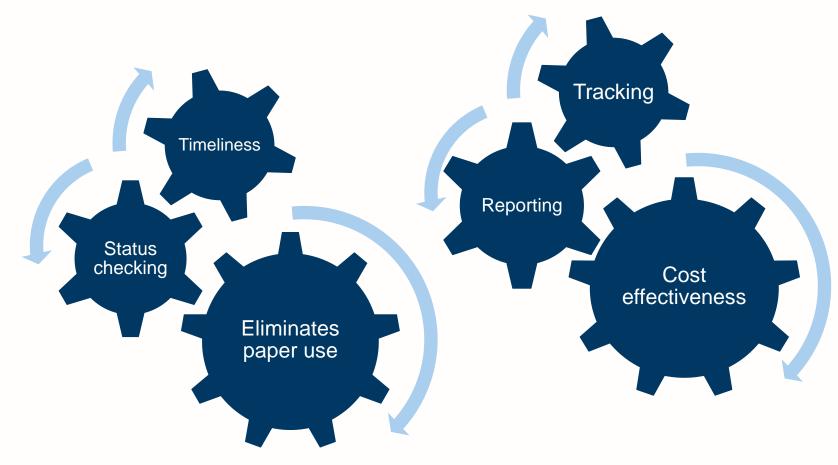






#### Electronic claims submission

Electronic claims submissions improve:





#### Paper claims submission

#### Optical Character Reading (OCR):

- OCR ensures faster turnaround time and adjudication.
- Claims must be submitted on original red claim forms CMS-1500 or UB04 within 120 days from date of service. Mail to:

Claims P.O. Box 62509 Virginia Beach, VA 23466-2509





## Electronic payment services

Availity Essentials is used to access electronic transfer information and electronic claims remittance advice for:

- EFT.
- ERA.
- To access, please visit <a href="https://apps.availity.com">https://apps.availity.com</a>.





#### **Provider Relations**

- Provider representatives are here to serve you.
- Perform provider outreach
- Perform provider education and training
- Engage providers in quality initiatives
- Give providers customer service
- Build and maintain the provider network
- Coordinate provider care and make appropriate referrals as necessary
- Provider Services: 1-866-231-0847



#### 24/7 NurseLine

- Members can speak to a registered nurse who can answer their questions and help decide how to take care
  of health problems.
- If medical care is needed, our nurses can help a member decide where to go.
- The phone number, 1-866-231-0847 (TTY 711), is on the back of our member ID cards.
- When a member calls this service, a report is faxed to the office within 24 hours.





### Key contact information

Provider/Member Services: 1-866-231-0847

24/7 NurseLine: 1-866-231-0847

Precertification: 1-866-231-0847

Pharmacy PA: 1-866-231-0847

• Paper claims submission:

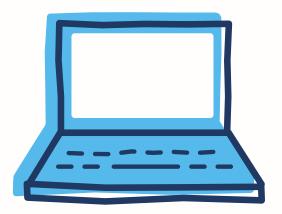
Claims P.O. Box 62509 Virginia Beach, VA 23466-2509

• Website: <a href="https://providerpublic.mybcbswny.com">https://providerpublic.mybcbswny.com</a>



### Next steps

- Listen to a recorded Availity webinar: Availity.com.
- Register for Availity so you can access the secure Highmark BCBS provider website.
- Register for the electronic data interchange (EDI).
- Register for EFT services.
- Read your provider manual.





# KNOWLEDGE CHECK



### Knowledge check

True or false:

BH screenings assist in determining if further assessment is needed in order to determine a diagnosis of a behavioral health disorder.

True



### Knowledge check (cont.)

True or false:

Integrated care is provider knowledge of person-centered health and cultural competencies.

### False

Integrated care is a physician treating both physical and mental health together.



### Knowledge check (cont.)

True or False:

Co-occurring disorders are when a member has two mental conditions at the same time.

### False

Co-occurring conditions are mental health conditions and substance abuse issues that occur at the same time.



## Knowledge check (cont.)

Highmark BCBS measures how many evidence-based practices annually to measure practice performance?

Four



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**Utilization Management** 



#### Resources

- Five most common disorders with addictions: <a href="https://www.dualdiagnosis.org/co-occurring-disorders/5-common-co-occurring-disorders-addictions">https://www.dualdiagnosis.org/co-occurring-disorders-addictions</a>
- Highmark BCBS Provider Manual: <a href="https://providerpublic.mybcbswny.com">https://providerpublic.mybcbswny.com</a>
- New York State Children's Health and Behavioral Health Services Transformation Provider
  Manual:
  <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral\_health/children/docs/updated\_spa\_manual.pdf">https://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral\_health/children/docs/updated\_spa\_manual.pdf</a>
- NYS screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment: <a href="https://www.oasas.ny.gov/admed/sbirt/index.cfm#WhatisSBIRT">https://www.oasas.ny.gov/admed/sbirt/index.cfm#WhatisSBIRT</a>
- Serious Mental Illness (SMI) among adults: <a href="http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/prevalence/serious-mental-illness-smi-among-us-adults.shtml">http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/prevalence/serious-mental-illness-smi-among-us-adults.shtml</a>



#### Resources to download

Our plan website — <a href="https://providerpublic.mybcbswny.com">https://providerpublic.mybcbswny.com</a>

- A copy of the member ID card
- Orientation presentation
- Forms and provider manual
- EDI information
- Clinical policies and information
- Availity information
- Provider newsletters and communications



### Question and answer session





# THANK YOU





#### providerpublic.mybcbswny.com

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