

Wendi Vargas
Contracts Director

March 12, 2026

Dear Alameda County, Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD) Services-As-Needed (SAN) Mental Health Child, Youth and/or Adult Outpatient Treatment Contract Provider,

As we prepare for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27, ACBHD will be extending your current contract by one year, through June 30, 2027. Key logistics for the new FY in relation to your contract with ACBHD are as follows:

Changes to Standard Contract Language

For FY 2026-27, please review changes to the standard contract language/requirements, highlighted in yellow, here: <https://bhcsproviders.acgov.org/providers/network/forms.htm#contract>. ACBHD will include applicable changes in any subsequent iterations of your contract.

As a reminder, please utilize the ACBHD Program Change Request Form and/or the Provider/Program Change Notification Forms, located at <https://bhcsproviders.acgov.org/providers/network/forms.htm#contract>, to communicate changes and/or follow-up with your ACBHD Contract Manager(s) with any other updates or questions related to your specific contracted programs.

Rates

Aligning with the planned increases to Alameda County's SMHS rates with DHCS, ACBHD anticipates including a three percent (3%) increase to your contracted rates for FY 26-27.

Updated Certificates of Insurance

As a reminder, per Exhibit C of your contract, ACBHD requires you to maintain insurance coverage.)To avoid delays in processing your contract and/or payments in the new FY, please ensure that you submit updated certificates promptly to your ACBHD Contract Manager(s).

Updates to Contract Execution Process

Due to changes in the Alameda County Board of Supervisors (Board) requirements in approving contracts and amendments, ACBHD needs to have the contract documents packaged in May 2026. Also, due to new timelines and to avoid delays in payments, contracts may be processed with placeholder language; ACBHD will continue to work with your organization to process a subsequent amendment for additional vetted changes.

- ACBHD will need you to sign contract documents promptly and/or quickly flag any substantive barriers to your ACBHD Contract Manager(s).
- ACBHD may need to update the signatory from the Board to the ACBHD Director after your organization has signed, depending on timing.



If you have any questions about your contract, please contact your ACBHD Contract Manager(s). If you need assistance identifying your Contract Manager(s), please reach out to the Contracts Unit: Contracts@acgov.org or (510) 567-8296.

Sincerely,

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