

Wendi Vargas
Contracts Director

March 12, 2026

Dear Alameda County, Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD)-Contracted Full-Service Partnership (FSP) Provider,

ACBHD Contracts Unit is initiating the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-28 FSP contract renewal process 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 your new 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.

Contract Allocation and Budget

The allocations for your contracted FSP(s) remain the same as those in your FY 2025-27 FSP Contract. Please inform your ACBHD Contract Manager(s) by March 25, 2026, if you are requesting substantive updates to your budget. Otherwise ACBHD will utilize your FY 2025-27 Budget for your FY 2026-28 contract. The contract allocation is subject to Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS) final approval of the County budget. Should any change occur to the contract allocation as a result of the County budget process, your organization will be notified in writing.

The current contract allocation cannot be expanded at this time, and no new or expanded services should be included in this contract renewal. If you have questions regarding your contract allocation, please contact your ACBHD Fiscal Contract Manager (FCM).

One-Time and Time-Limited Funds

For programs participating in Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) billing, the FY 2026-27 allocations will include MAA incentive awards earned for services delivered in FYs 2022-23 and 2023-24. There continues to be a delay at the state with MAA billing approvals. The base billing numbers for FYs 2024-25 and 2025-26 are not yet available and upon State approval, the incentive awards will be added to the applicable program's allocation. Your Contract Manager(s) will be sending out information about your MAA incentive awards to be added to your FY 2026-28 Contract. In general, ACBHD will be categorizing these funds under Operating Costs. Please inform your ACBHD Contract Manager(s) by March 25, 2026, if you are requesting a more custom breakdown of these funds to be included in your FSP Budget.

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 amendment and/or payments in the new FY, please ensure that you submit updated certificates promptly to your ACBHD Contract Manager(s).

Contract Review Process

If there are requested changes to the budget and/or questions about the contract, the Contracts Unit will follow up with your organization and/or ACBHD Operational Leaders to discuss. If there are no questions, the Contracts Unit will package the contract and notify you when it is ready for signature.

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 questions about any of the above, please work with your assigned 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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