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Contracts Director

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Dear Alameda County, Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD) Mental Health Master Contract Provider,

As we prepare for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27, ACBHD will be extending your current contract by three years, through June 30, 2029. 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.

Contract Allocation

Your Contract Manager(s) will reach out to you about adding the allocations for the subsequent FYs to your existing contract, and to let you know if there are any additional planned changes to your Contract Allocation related to any of the subsequent sections listed below.

Allocation reductions related to the transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) were previously communicated in letters sent out to impacted organizations in December 2025, and these reductions will be reflected in your contract amendment effective July 1, 2026.

Any changes to your contract allocation are 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.

Cost-of-Living Adjustment

When applicable, a COLA of four percent (4%) is planned for FY 2026-27 for any portion of a contract with County General Fund (Board approved).

Note: Not all funding sources are eligible for a COLA.

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.

Measure A

Based upon revenue projections, there will not be a FY 2026-27 COLA for Measure A funded programs.

Rates

Due to recent changes in billing services to Medi-Cal by Common Procedural Terminology (CPT) code, and the impact on revenue projections, ACBHD will have limited ability to approve rate increases.

Updated Certificates of Insurance and Cash Advance

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).

If requesting for a cash advance, visit <http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/network/forms.htm> for current Cash Advance Request form (last update 4/4/2018), and include all required documentation such as your agency's current Employee Dishonesty and Crime insurance certificate and Loss Payable Endorsement. If your insurance expires in July or early August 2025, please wait to submit your organization's cash advance request until you have received your updated certificate of insurance. Cash Advances and associated documentation should be sent together in one email:

- To: CBOPayment@acgov.org
- Subject: Cash Advance_CBO Name

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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