



**HB22-1278, Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)**

Key Implementation Dates and New Deliverables  
March 6, 2022

Implementation Dates	Deliverable	Page in Introduced Version
July 1, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rules promulgated by the State Board of Human Services as of July 1, 2022 remain in effect until revised, amended or repealed by the SBOHS. The SBOHS remains the rulemaking entity for the BHA</li> </ul>	Page 8, lines 2-8 and Page 16, lines 1-2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfers the 1.) Alcohol &amp; Drug Abuse Prevention Program, 2.) Prevention or Treatment of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, 3.) Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program and 4.) Colorado Substance Use Disorder Collaborative from the Colorado Department of Human Services (Office of Behavioral Health) to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).</li> </ul>	Page 61, lines 13-19
October 1, 2022	The BHA shall prepare a submit a report – known as the BH System Plan – that includes the BHA’s vision and strategy for the BH system, updates on performance standards, analysis of grievances, updates on care coordination and the advisory council’s report	Page 24, lines 8-20
January 1, 2023	BHA shall present their BHA System Plan to the Legislature via the “SMART ACT” hearings.	Page 24
April 30, 2023 (No later than)	BHA to promulgate rules providing minimum standards to the operation of BH entities. (This is in advance of the BHA licensing such entities beginning July 1, 2023)	Page 38-39
June 30, 2023	CDPHE begins to hand over to the BHA the responsibility of licensing Behavioral Health Entities (including community clinics, mental health centers, and entities that provide substance or alcohol use disorder treatment – see HB19-1237 for more background). Full transfer to occur by July 1, 2024.	Page 14-15
July 1, 2023 (On or before)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHA to enter into formal agreements with “state agencies”. Formal agreements must cover, among other things, collaborative problem solving for challenges that arise in the BH system, data sharing, use of the universal contract, standards for Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs), parity monitoring and compliance, etc.</li> </ul>	Pages 20-22
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHA, Co Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), and other state agencies, must develop a universal contract to be used when contracting for BH services. Universal Contract shall include minimum data collection and reporting, grievance reporting, compliance with BH safety net standards, consequences for not meeting contract requirements, etc.</li> </ul>	Pages 22-24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BH entities must apply to the BHA for licensure</li> </ul>	Pages 36-38
July 1, 2024 (On or before)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHA shall create a behavioral health grievance process to address grievances at a systemic level.</li> </ul>	Pages 17-18
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHA shall solicit input to develop a process for addressing individual grievances when traditional grievance programs fail.</li> </ul>	Page 18, lines 3-6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHA and state agencies shall execute formal data-sharing agreements</li> </ul>	Page 18, lines 11-16



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHA shall establish a performance monitoring system to track capacity and performance of all BH providers and inform needed changes to the public and private BH system.</li> </ul>	Pages 18-20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHA in collaboration with HCPF and CDPHE shall establish a comprehensive and standardized BH safety net system throughout the state that “must include behavioral health safety net services along a continuum of care”</li> </ul>	Pages 25-29
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHA shall establish regionally based behavioral health administrative services organizations to provide a continuum of BH safety net services and care coordination</li> </ul>	Pages 30-36