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via email

Re: April 2026 AOC Monthly Update – Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA)

Dear Senators, Representatives, Director Sallee, and Secretary Armijo,

April and May signify the final push from AOC to complete the SIM Workshops and Priority Identification for regional plan development as required by the Act. Only 4 workshops remain to be completed within the next 30 days. Multiple Regions are fine tuning their draft regional plans in preparation for final submission. Detailed information is included below This report concludes with outstanding questions from Accountable Entities, Tribes, Nations, Pueblos, service providers, AOC, and other behavioral health stakeholders.

AOC Regional Plan Process Tracking

Regional Milestone Tracking – SB3				
Region	Workshop (Status)	Workshop Date	Listening Sessions	Regional Plan Submission (Status)
Region 1	Completed	12/18/2025 - 12/19/2025	Completed	In Progress
Region 2	Completed	11/20/2025 - 11/21/2025	Completed	In Progress
Region 3	Completed	2/26/2026 - 2/27/2026	Completed	Not Started-Pending UNM Report
Region 4	Scheduled	4/14/2026-4/16/2026	Completed	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop

Region 5	Scheduled	5/05/2026-5/07/2026	In Progress	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop
Region 6	Completed	3/24/2026 - 3/26/2026	In Progress	Not Started-Pending UNM Report
Region 7	Completed	3/18/2026 - 3/20/2026	Completed	Not Started-Pending UNM Report
Region 8	Completed	3/11/2026 - 3/13/2026	Completed	Not Started-Pending UNM Report
Region 9	Completed	12/02/2025 - 12/04/2025	Completed	In Progress
Region 10	Scheduled	4/21/2026 - 4/23/2026	In Progress	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop
Region 11	Completed	12/18/2025 - 12/19/2035	Completed	In Progress
Region 12	Completed	1/14/2026 - 1/16/2026	Completed	In Progress
Region 13	Scheduled	4/8/2026 – 4/10/2026	In Progress	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop
<p>*Visit the Alliance of Health Councils for more information and details on upcoming regional listening sessions- https://www.nmhealthcouncils.org/publichealthevents</p>				

Regional Priorities

Report Links <input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Bucket 1:	Priority Bucket 2:	Priority Bucket 3:	Priority Bucket 4:	Priority Bucket 5:
Region 6	Crisis Services and Stabilization	Housing and Basic Needs	Treatment and Recovery Service Access	Workforce Capacity and Development	Youth, Family, and Parental Supports
Region 7	Housing, Transportation & Basic Needs	Behavioral Health Service Expansion	Community Wellness, Prevention & Stigma Reduction	Youth Engagement, Mentoring & Access to School-Based Behavioral Health Services	Workforce Development
Region 8	Care Navigation and Coordination	Housing, Transportation, and Community Infrastructure	Youth Programs, Spaces, and Prevention	Workforce and Provider Supports	School-Based Supports and Education
<u>Region 12</u>	Housing	Behavioral Health Care Continuum Expansion	Youth, Family, and Caregiver Supports	Crisis Response Services	Justice and Diversion Services

<u>Region 2</u>	Policy	Access	Continuum of Care	Social Drivers of Health	Workforce Development
<u>Region 9</u>	Crisis, Acute, & Higher-Level Care Infrastructure	Housing & Homeless Services	Community-Based Programs for Youth and Adults	Workforce Development	Youth Prevention Programs & Mentorship
<u>Region 11</u>	Housing, Shelter, and Transportation	Diversion, Specialty Courts, and Justice System Improvements	Coordination and System Integration	Access and Infrastructure for Behavioral Health Services	Prevention, Community and Cultural Support
<u>Region 1</u>	Workforce and Pipeline Development	Access and Capacity	Prevention, Cultural and Community Spaces	Schools and School-Based Supports	Family and Caregiver Support

Outstanding Questions

1. Performance Measure Data Infrastructure

Will HCA develop and manage a centralized database for performance measure entry and tracking, or will regions be expected to allocate a portion of their funding to support this function? Specific guidance is also requested on integration and access to key data sources, including:

- Health Insurance Exchange datasets
- A real-time provider network list
- Resource data from YESNM Connect
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Mental Health (MH) claims data

2. Workforce Pipeline

Section 24A-10-4(I) of BHRIA requires coordination among higher education institutions, the Health Care Authority, the Workforce Solutions Department, and other behavioral health stakeholders to develop a behavioral health workforce pipeline. Who is leading these efforts at the HCA and WSD?

3. Early Access Funding – Regional Plan Integration

How should early access funding should be incorporated into their regional plans:

- Whether it should be reflected as a standalone component or embedded within priority strategies
- Reporting and accountability expectations tied to early access expenditures
- Alignment with future allocation cycles

4. Behavioral Health Funding Layering

Guidance from HCA experts is requested on allowable uses, sequencing, and the braiding of funds.

- Rural Transformation federal funds
- Opioid Settlement funds
- Medicaid reimbursement

- BHRIA funding
- Behavioral Health Trust Fund

5. Technical Assistance & Oversight Support

Will the HCA provide technical assistance or designated points of contact to Regions for:

- Provider credentialing and enrollment
- Certification and licensing requirements
- Support for specialized services such as:
 - Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP)
 - Comprehensive Community Support Services (CCSS)
 - Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
 - Mobile Crisis services
 - Community Based Competency Restoration

6. Priority Budget Justification Form - Appendix F to the “Regional Proposal”

- Can this format be used by TPNs and other governmental entities receiving funding through regional allocations?

7. Medicaid Clinic Exception (42 CFR §440.90)

Is HCA considering adoption of the 2025 CMS Medicaid clinic exception under 42 CFR §440.90 through a State Plan Amendment?

This flexibility could:

- Allow rural clinics to deliver services outside of the traditional “four walls”
- Support development of regional hub-and-spoke care models
- Expand access to behavioral health services in underserved areas

Please visit our [New Mexico Courts website](#), where interested parties can access agendas, meeting materials, completed SIM mapping, AOC’s monthly reports, join our mailing list, and easily submit feedback/questions.