



ABH February Committee Meetings

Tuesday, February 4
ATS, 10 a.m. (ABH)

Friday, February 7
Children's CEO Leadership, 10 a.m.

Monday, February 10
Billing, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, February 12
BHCP Exec, 10 a.m.
Outpatient, 10 a.m.
ACCS, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 13
SOAP, 10 a.m.

Friday, February 14
CBHI, 10 a.m.
Corporate Compliance,
10 a.m.

Thursday, February 18
OTP, 9:30 a.m. (ABH)

Friday, February 28
**Sr. Partnering with Un-
derrepresented Populations**,
10 a.m. (ABH)

All meetings are held at the Hampton Inn, Natick unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 508-647-8385.

Hill Day 2020

You're Invited!

National Council for Behavioral Health's

HILL DAY 2020

June 23-24, 2020

Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001



Don't miss this opportunity to take part in behavioral health's **largest advocacy event!** Come **make your voice heard** on Capitol Hill!



HILL DAY

Questions?

Contact **Michael Petruzzelli** at
MichaelP@TheNationalCouncil.org.



FREE CCBHC Webinar

The National Council is hosting a webinar on Wednesday, January 29, 2-3 p.m.: *The Future of CCBHCs: Opportunities for Expansion and Lessons Learned from the Field.*

[Register Today!](#)

Since 2017, the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) demonstration program has significantly improved access to quality mental health and addiction care in community-based settings. In their first year, 66 CCBHCs across eight states served an estimated 380,000 people, including nearly 270,000 Medicaid beneficiaries.

Based on early successes of the CCBHC program, Congress has acted 4 times to extend the demonstration and has allocated \$250 million to date for CCBHC expansion grants. Meanwhile, states are exploring opportunities to implement the CCBHC initiative via Medicaid waivers or State Plan Amendments. In this environment, what does the future look like for the program—and how can clinics seize the opportunity to leverage CCBHC status and funding to enhance staff training and clinical operations?

Join the National Council to hear from Rebecca Farley David, Senior Advisor, Public Policy & Special Initiatives at the National Council and Melissa Lewis-Stoner, Group Product Manager at Relias, discuss the current and future state of CCBHCs.

ABH Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Letter to Governor Baker

ABH recently submitted its FY21 budget requests to Governor Baker. The full text of ABH's budget requests can be found here: [ABH FY21 Budget Letter to Governor Charles Baker](#). Please find below highlights from our letter to the Governor:

- Prioritizing investments that strengthen the core of the behavioral health system.
- Investing aggressively in all health and human services undergoing rate reviews pursuant to Chapter 257.
- Investing in the behavioral health workforce including extension, expansion of the loan repayment, provider recruitment, and workforce training programs, created as part of the Statewide Investments under DSRIP.
- Expanding or extending key initiatives including the Behavioral Health Justice Initiative, DHCD's Rental Subsidies for DMH Clients program, Behavioral Health Access, Outreach, and Support Trust Fund, the annualization of funding for MAT in prisons and jails, and addressing social determinants of health such as housing and transportation.
- Alongside the Massachusetts Coalition for Addiction Services (MCAS), ABH made recommendations for \$25 million in new funding for BSAS, including:
 - ◇ The procurement of five new Recovery Centers;
 - ◇ Maintenance and expansion of Massachusetts Access to Recovery (MA-ATR);
 - ◇ 10 new Family Sober Living Programs.

Governor Baker is expected to release his FY21 budget recommendations (also called H.2) on January 22, 2020. Upon its release, ABH will disseminate an analysis of the Governor's budget proposal and hold a community conversation conference call.

Happy New Year!

All of us at ABH would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to working with all of you in 2020, and as always, are grateful for your continued support.



Final Adoption:
101 CMR 329.00:
Psychological Testing,
Treatment, and
Related Services

Click [here](#).

Key 2020 Dates

As we begin 2020, we would like to remind you of a few key dates:

Behavioral Health for Children and Adolescents Transition Extension, 12/31/19-3/31/20

As you are aware, according to [Division of Insurance Bulletin 2018-07](#), commercial coverage for intermediate behavioral health services for children and adolescents (except Family Partner and Therapeutic Mentor) is required beginning when a commercial plan renews on or after July 1, 2019. Anticipating a large number of renewals on 1/1/2020, and in order to facilitate a smooth transition to commercial coverage for youth MassHealth members with third party insurance (TPL) and to promote continuity of care for those youth and their families, EOHHS is extending the transition period end date from 12/31/2019 to 3/31/2020. Effective April 1, 2020, all MBHP-contracted CBHI providers will be required to provide a primary insurance explanation of benefits (EOB) for MassHealth members with TPL.



Please refer to the [guidance](#) for further detail.

Medicare Beneficiary Identifier Requirement, Effective 1/1/2020

Effective January 1, 2020 the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) will replace the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN). Providers should submit the MBI in the place of HICN on the following transactions submitted to MassHealth:

- Health Care Benefit Inquiry (270)
- Health Care Claim: Institutional and Professional (837)

This includes the corresponding Direct Data Entry (DDE) via the Provider Online Service Center (POSC) as well. Providers must include the new 11 digit MBI on all relevant transactions. MassHealth will send the MBI on record for the following outbound transactions:

- Health Care Benefit Response (271)
- Health Care Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance (834)

Any questions should be directed to the MassHealth EDI team at 1-800-841-2900 or EDI@MAHealth.net.

NCCI Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs), Effective 1/1/2020

Beginning 1/1/2020, MassHealth will implement National Correct Coding Initiative Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs) for SUD Family/Couple Counseling Services. Specifically, codes T1006 HR, T1006, and T1006 HD have changed from two units maximum per day to one unit maximum per day. To reflect these changes, MassHealth has updated existing code modifiers or added additional code modifiers. Please see the [linked announcement](#) for additional details.

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NatCon20 Discount

Registration for the National Council's annual conference, NatCon20, is open. NatCon20 will take place from Sunday, April 5th through Tuesday, April 7th in Austin, Texas. ABH is excited to offer a \$150 discount to ABH members registering for NatCon20. The *special* ABH members code is **MAmember20**. Please click on the following link to learn more about NatCon20 and to register to attend: <https://www.eventscribe.com/2020/NatCon20/>. January 20th, 2020 is the deadline for our early bird registration rates.

Free Prolonged Exposure Training

Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program, is a non-profit organization with a mission to heal the invisible wounds of war for Service Members, Veterans and their Families through clinical care, wellness, research and education.

Home Base is offering a 2.5 day **free** training for licensed mental health clinicians for PTSD in Prolonged Exposure. Attendees will also participate in six months of weekly consultation calls to support implementation of PE in their clinical practice.

PE In-person Workshop Details:

Dates: January 8-10, 2020

Commitment: Participants must commit to attending the entire 2.5 days of training and 6 months of weekly, hour-long group consultation calls to support implementation of PE.

Location: Westfield, MA

Tuition: FREE. Meals will be provided; however, participants must cover their own travel, lodging, and any other associated expenses.

Credits: Continuing education credits will be provided upon completion of workshop training and consultation.

Application: Click [here](#).

ATS, CSS, TSS & Sec. 35 Rates

The state rates for ATS, CSS, TSS and add-on rate for Section 35 levels of care have been posted. A copy of the final rate regulation is attached and is available online here. Please note that MassHealth and its MCOs do **not** fall under the Chapter 257 Purchase of Services Reform legislation and as such are not required to pay the new rates. ABH will meet with MassHealth to discuss their intent at this time.

Current Events Corner

- [Mass. Prisons Agree To Extend Medication For Addiction Treatment After Lawsuit.](#) *WBUR CommonHealth.*
- [In The Fight For Money For The Opioid Crisis, Will The Youngest Victims Be Left Out?](#) *Kaiser Health News*

