



Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Update September 2023

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Currently all components are guided and prioritized by the Community Program Planning Process, and the County MHSA team prioritizes funding opportunities with stakeholder feedback. The existing components are further divided in subcategories. 51% of CSS funds are currently dedicated to Full Service Partners, high risk and high utilizer clients and 51% of PEI funds are dedicated to youth under 21.

The proposed reform will shift funding to prioritize behavioral health housing/beds and alter the components. The legislation continues to be edited, with the most current version released on August 23, 2023. The bill has passed the Assembly Health Committee and is moving to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee and AB 531 is moving to the Senate Appropriations Committee. There is concern that the proposed changes could impact local service and local service providers. BHRS will continue to follow SB 326 and provide updates. The proposal has mixed feedback with proponents believing the changes will help address homelessness, and opponents believing that this will reduce funding for prevention and youth and reduce flexibility of funding to be prioritized by stakeholders.