The SCRBH (ASO) is excited to share about a new program being implemented, our Youth Navigator Program (YNP). The YNP will start in November 2023, and is partnership with Health Care Authority (HCA) to support youth and families. Developed from work done with the Kids’ Mental Health program in Pierce County, the primary goal of YNP is strengthening service collaboration and access to resources for children and adolescents facing complex behavioral health needs. The priority population served by YNP are children and adolescents experiencing behavioral health crises and their families, with priority given to youth boarding in emergency departments or other non-treatment facilities.

The focus of YNP is to coordinate care for youth and families who may not be aware of the resources available to them and expanding the available options to assist in their behavioral health recovery. YNP seeks to accomplish this goal by strengthening the communication and collaboration between cross-system partners through the development of a steering committee, identification of regional action items, and deployment of multi-disciplinary teams (MDT). To learn more about the program, you can reach out to our YNP Administrator Stefanie Sorenson at ssorenson@spokanecounty.org.

In lieu of the scheduled November Regional Crisis Coordination and System of Care meetings, we will hold a combined SCRBH (ASO) SOC and Crisis Services Meeting to discuss changes to SERI reporting and other system updates. As there will be updates regarding crisis system reporting, we would request all Crisis Response Agencies ensure any staff overseeing or managing data reporting to the SCRBH be available to attend as the updates we will be providing will affect service reporting.

**Time:** Nov 8, 2023 2:00 PM Pacific Time  
**Meeting ID:** 893 3853 1942  
**Passcode:** 642555

Click here to join via Zoom
NEW INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE MANAGER

We are pleased to announce Ashley Magee has accepted the position of Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Manager. As many of our providers may already know, Ashley brings a wealth of experience in the crisis response system as a DCR supervisor and AOT and Crisis System Administrator. In this pivotal role, Ashley will be responsible for overseeing and managing the administrative functions crucial to the efficient operation of our behavioral healthcare services. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Magee!

REMINDER: CHANGES TO FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT BILLING REQUIREMENTS

Effective July 1, 2023, the Health Care Authority (HCA) contract requires all subcontractors who are paid with Federal Block Grant (FBG) funds, to invoice for all services rendered within thirty (30) calendar days of the end of the State Fiscal Year (SFY).

What does this mean?
Any services funded with federal block grant (FBG) funds submitted outside of the billing timelines will be rejected to ensure compliance with federal reporting requirements. This means any Raintree service claims, paid with FBG funds submitted after July 30 of the SFY will be denied and subsequently not paid.

What can be done to prevent service rejection based on untimely submission?
The SCRBH (ASO) is cognizant of the impact third party insurance billing has on service encounter data. To ensure timely submission, we recommend submitting services awaiting third-party adjudication within the required timeframe (Don't wait for final third-party adjudication). When or if third-party adjudication occurs, your agency would update the Raintree service claim to accurately report the third-party revenue and reconcile any under or overpayment.

To assist providers, the SCRBH-ASO has updated submission requirements to more accurately reflect reporting challenges. This will be reflected as the following: 85% of services are to be submitted within ten (10) days and 100% within sixty (60) days. Again, the exception to this is FBG-funded services, which must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the end of the SFY.

To ensure you are up to date on all SCRBH-ASO policies, follow the link below to our website.

BH-ASO Policies & Procedures