

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

CSB Behavioral Health Services, 2022

RECOMMENDATIONS

Restricting state funding for CSB staff salary increases ► The General Assembly may wish to include language in the Appropriation Act directing the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to amend community services board (CSB) performance contracts to require that (i) any funding appropriated by the General Assembly to CSBs for staff compensation only be used for staff compensation and (ii) CSBs report annually on any staff compensation actions taken during the prior fiscal year to DBHDS. (Recommendation 5)

Improving training for preadmission screening clinicians ► The General Assembly may wish to consider including language in the Appropriation Act directing the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to contract with one or more higher education institutions to establish training and technical assistance centers to (i) deliver standardized training for preadmission screening clinicians on developing appropriate preadmission screening recommendations, interpreting lab results, and understanding basic medical conditions and (ii) provide technical assistance to preadmission screening clinicians, particularly when quality improvement is deemed necessary by DBHDS. (Recommendation 7)

Eliminating psychiatric bed registry requirement ► The General Assembly may wish to consider amending §37.2-308.1 of the Code of Virginia to repeal the requirement that every state facility, community services board, behavioral health authority, and private inpatient provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services participate in the acute psychiatric bed registry. (Recommendation 12)

Standardizing Medicaid reimbursement policies ► The General Assembly may wish to consider including language in the Appropriation Act directing the Department of Medical Assistance Services to (i) work with the managed care organizations (MCOs) to standardize, to the maximum extent practicable, policies, procedures, and requirements that CSBs must follow to receive reimbursement for the cost of Medicaid services they provide, including documentation, training, and credentialing requirements; and (ii) report on the improvements made to MCO policies, procedures, and requirements to the Behavioral Health Commission no later than December 1, 2023. (Recommendation 15)