

441—302.1(225A) Implementation and maintenance of programs and services.

302.1(1) *Authority to designate BH-ASOs.* The department will designate one BH-ASO for each district as set forth in Iowa Code chapter 225A. The department will enter into a contract with a designated BH-ASO to coordinate and oversee behavioral health services in one or more behavioral health district. If the department terminates its contract with a BH-ASO for any reason, the entity is no longer designated by the department as a BH-ASO.

302.1(2) *Community needs assessment.* A BH-ASO will complete an assessment of community needs to identify behavioral health service system strengths, gaps, and emerging issues within its district.

302.1(3) *District behavioral health service system plan.* A BH-ASO will collaborate with the district behavioral health advisory council and other stakeholders to develop a district behavioral health service system plan to describe all behavioral health services and supports and other activities in support of the behavioral health system to be delivered by the BH-ASO.

302.1(4) *BH-ASO operations.* A BH-ASO will implement its approved district plan and maintain operations necessary to meet its obligations under state and federal laws and regulations and as established in the district contract.

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