
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

Fiscal Services Division

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Central Data Repository — Region Incentive Fund (RIF)

Purpose and History

2024 Iowa Acts, [House File 2673](#) (Behavioral Health Service System Act) established a Behavioral Health Service System under the control of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) responsible for implementing a statewide system related to mental health and addiction disorders. The Act consolidated programs related to mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse into the Behavioral Health Division of the HHS. This new system divides the State into seven Behavioral Health Districts that are managed by Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organizations (BH-ASOs).

The Act requires that the HHS establish and administer a central data repository for collecting and analyzing State, behavioral district, and contracted behavioral health provider data. BH-ASOs are required to report to the HHS information regarding demographics, expenditure data, and data concerning the behavioral health services provided in the BH-ASO's district. Behavioral health data will be collected and analyzed as necessary to issue cost estimates related to the Behavioral Health Service System while maintaining compliance with applicable federal and State privacy laws to ensure confidentiality of the data. Each individual receiving publicly funded services from an BH-ASO must have a record in the central data repository, with each individual being given a unique client identifier for purposes of identifying and tracking the individual's record. Data in the central data repository is required to be consistently labeled, formatted, and maintained with uniform methods for keeping statistical information.

Funding — Region Incentive Fund

2021 Iowa Acts, [Senate File 619](#) (FY 2022 Taxation and Other Provisions Act), created a new Region Incentive Fund in the Mental Health and Disability Services Regional Service Fund to provide additional funding to the MHDS Regions and specified the criteria under which an MHDS Region may apply for funding. The Region Incentive Fund consists of moneys appropriated or credited to the Region Incentive Fund, with an initial appropriation of \$3.0 million in FY 2022.

The Behavioral Health Service System Act appropriated \$645,000 from the Region Incentive Fund to the HHS for the establishment of a central data repository in FY 2025.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [225C](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [441—24](#)

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More Information

Iowa HHS Behavioral Health Service System:

hhs.iowa.gov/initiatives/system-alignment/behavioral-health-service-system

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