



# Iowa Behavioral Health Association

IBHA is the statewide association and leading voice for substance abuse and addiction treatment facilities, community mental health centers and problem gambling services in the state of Iowa.

IBHA member organizations provide high- quality, research-based and outcome- driven programs that improve the lives of Iowans and their families every day.

## IBHA member organizations provide an array of services:

- Evidence-based treatment for substance abuse, addiction & co-occurring medical & mental health conditions
- Residential treatment
- Outpatient treatment
- Crisis services
- Therapy, counseling, & other mental health services
- Drug & OWI evaluations & assessments
- Referrals & case management
- Detox
- Prevention & early intervention
- Halfway housing, continuing care & day treatment
- Special programs for women, children, adolescents & families
- Specialized programs (drug court, domestic violence & child abuse programs) & individualized plans

## IBHA member organizations are strong and innovative leaders in the field:

- Outcomes Management System
- Employers of expertly trained health care professionals, including Master's and Ph.D. level therapists, counselors & psychiatrists
- Integrated Health Homes
- Community integration
- School & workplace based services
- Language interpretation
- Distance treatment

## IBHA member organizations make up a large part of the "Safety Net" provider network:

- "Three legged" system of FQHCs, CMHCs and substance abuse providers
  - Behavioral health care services for low-income Iowans
- Members provide about 70% of substance abuse treatment under the Iowa Plan for Behavioral Health
  - Life saving services the need for which WILL NOT GO AWAY
  - Most affordable services that produce the most outcomes



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## IBHA Legislative Priorities:

### 1. RFP for Managed Care Contract:

- 1115 waiver questions
- Preservation of current access to proven programs, activities and services
- Concern for certain populations such as children and adolescents
- Transparency

### 2. Reimbursement Rates and Block Grant Funding:

- Negotiating rate increase for SA providers
- Protect Block Grant
- Capacity directly tied to adequate funding

### 3. Electronic Health Records

- Grants unavailable for many IBHA members
- Competitiveness
- Improved communication and integration

### 4. Drug Courts

- Effective
- Needed
- Cost avoidance

### 5. Health Care Workforce

- Shortage is at crisis level
- Incentives such as student loan forgiveness
- Telemedicine

## What Should You Remember After Today's Presentation?

- Behavioral health issues do not discriminate
- The need for behavioral health and other safety net services WILL NOT GO AWAY
- IBHA member organizations' services are the most affordable to the state and produce the most outcomes
- Legislative prioritization will determine many of these issues....

## HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS TO YOU AS A LAWMAKER?

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