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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Dear IBHS Agency,

The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) is aware that not all providers of Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) that are required to have obtained an IBHS license by January 17, 2020, have obtained an IBHS license. In order to ensure services are not disrupted, the Department will not take action against an IBHS agency as long as the IBHS agency is working with OMHSAS to obtain an IBHS license. IBHS agencies that have questions about obtaining a license should contact their regional field office. Contacts for each of the regional field offices can be found at:

[http://www.healthchoices.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/c\\_291930.pdf](http://www.healthchoices.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/c_291930.pdf).

Providers that participate in the Medical Assistance Program can continue to bill for behavioral health rehabilitation services after January 17, 2020. Providers that meet the requirements for providing IBHS will be able to bill for IBHS when instructions are issued on billing for IBHS.

Sincerely,

Scott Talley

Director, Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health Services