

RCPA New Member APA Survey Overview

RCPA has completed the membership follow-up survey on the Alternative Payment Arrangements (APAs) they have been participating in since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the current APAs are set to expire on June 30, 2021, RCPA was seeking feedback and data on how agencies were preparing for the possible end of the agreements and the impact on operations. It should be noted that since the completion of this survey, several BH-MCOs/Counties have already announced a continuation of the APAs to varying degrees and timeframes.

This survey focused on adult and children's behavioral and substance abuse services in both the community-based and residential settings.

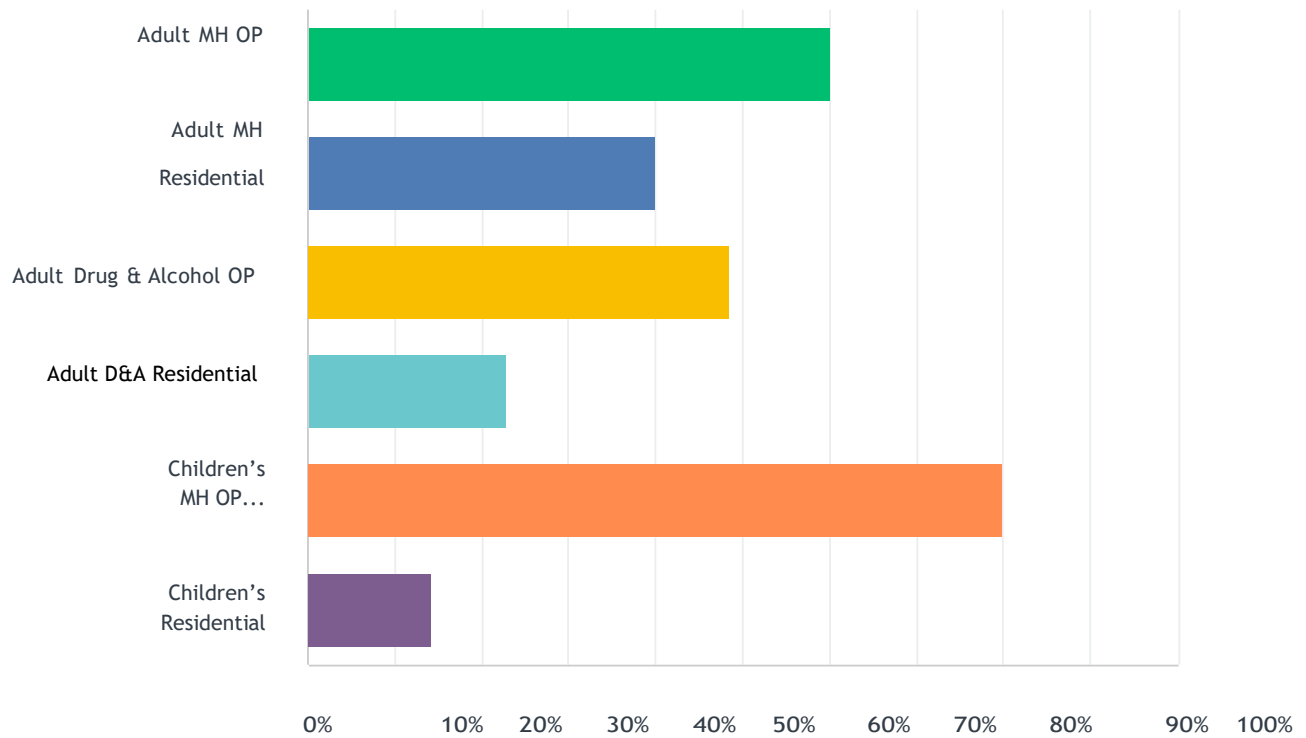
Response Overview

- Nearly 95% of member respondents were participating in an APA.
- APAs were primarily utilized by members providing community-based services rather than residential care.
- While more than 70% responded they were prepared for the return to Fee-for-Service billing, nearly 65% of responding members would need some type of APA to sustain operations. Follow-up discussions with providers clarified that while the APAs were critical and desired, they were preparing for their end should that be the case.
- The majority of the responding programs represented children's community-based services.
- Members responded that the absence of future APAs for certain levels of care would have potential impacts including:
 - Program closures;
 - Waiting lists/delays in service;
 - Staff layoffs; and
 - Referrals to other providers.
- In the event of program closures, those most likely to be impacted again would be children's community-based services.
- Surprisingly, at the time of the survey, nearly half of the respondents had not discussed the potential impacts with their BH-MCO(s).
- As it relates to potential APA reconciliation processes and paybacks, two-thirds of the members responded they were involved in this discussion with their BH-MCO(s).

Summary

RCPA hopes that the HealthChoices contractors across the Commonwealth will respond to those providers in need of continued APAs to sustain critical services into the future. RCPA is grateful to our members responding to the survey, as well as OMHSAS and our BH-MCO/County partners, for their commitment to creating sustainable funding pathways during these challenging times.

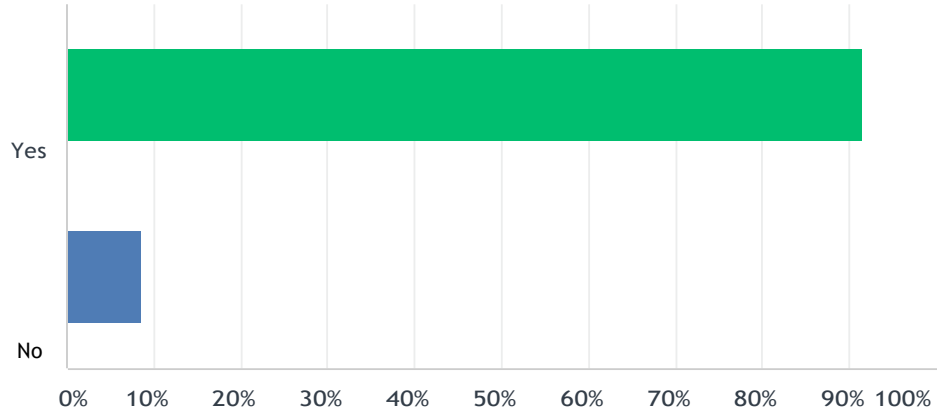
What services does your agency currently provide? (Check all that apply)



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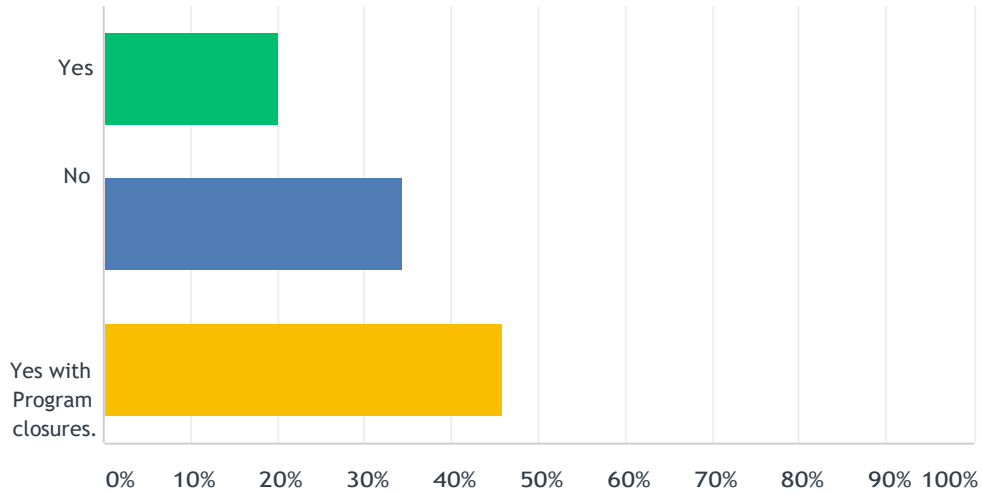
Adult Mental Health Outpatient	60.00%
Adult Mental Health Residential	40.00%
Adult Drug & Alcohol	48.57%
Adult Residential	22.86%
Children's Mental Health Outpatient / IBHS	80.00%
Children's Residential Services	14.29%

Do you currently have an Alternative Payment Arrangement (APA) in place?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	91.43%
No	8.57%

Will you need an APA to sustain operations?

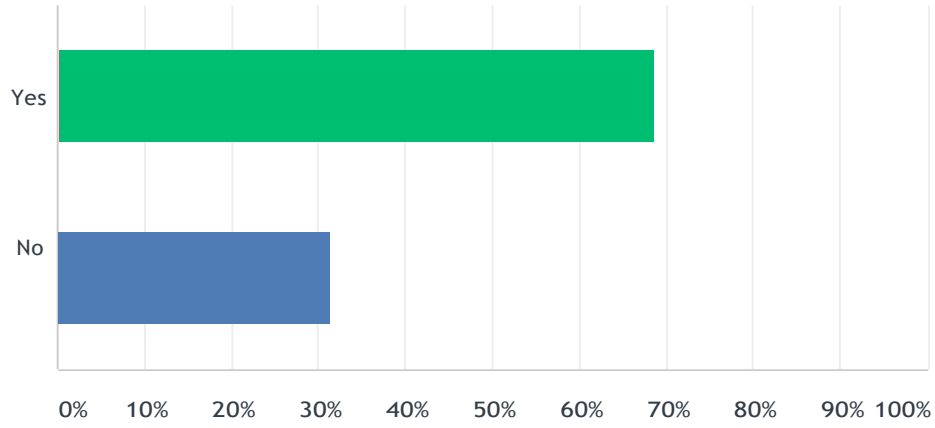


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes/ Yes with Program Closures	65.71%
No	34.29%

Member Responses on programs that could potentially close:

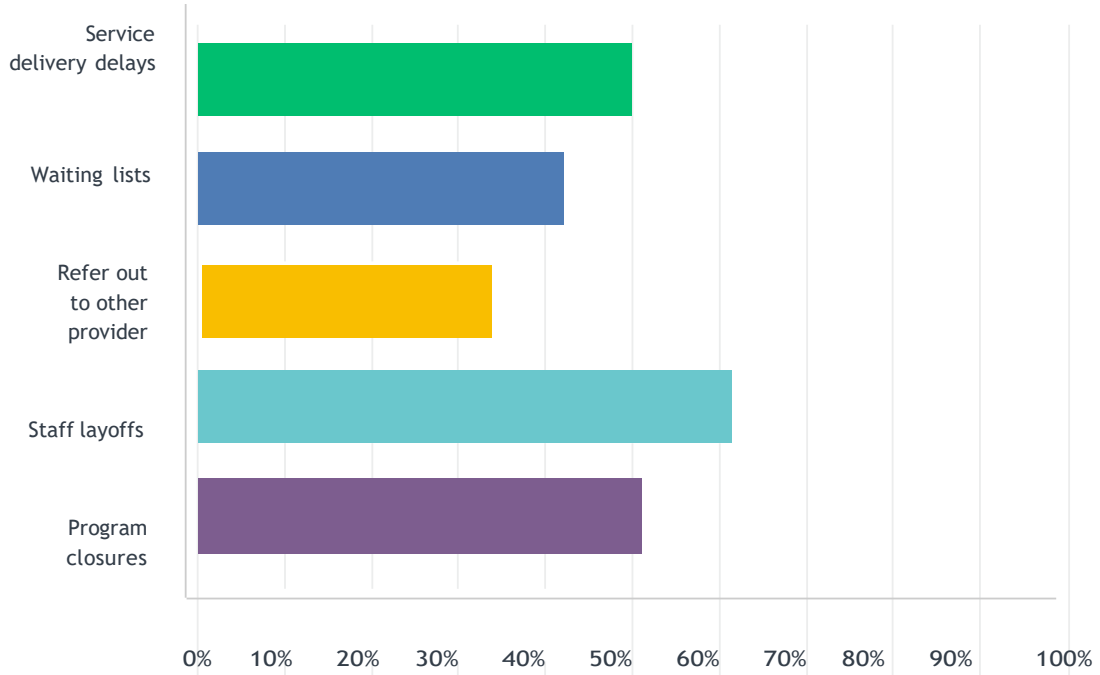
- ✓ IBHS
- ✓ Family Based
- ✓ Acute Partial
- ✓ Blended Case Management
- ✓ All Outpatient
- ✓ School Based
- ✓ Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- ✓ All Programs

Is your agency prepared to revert back to Fee-for-Service billing?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	68.57%
No	31.43%

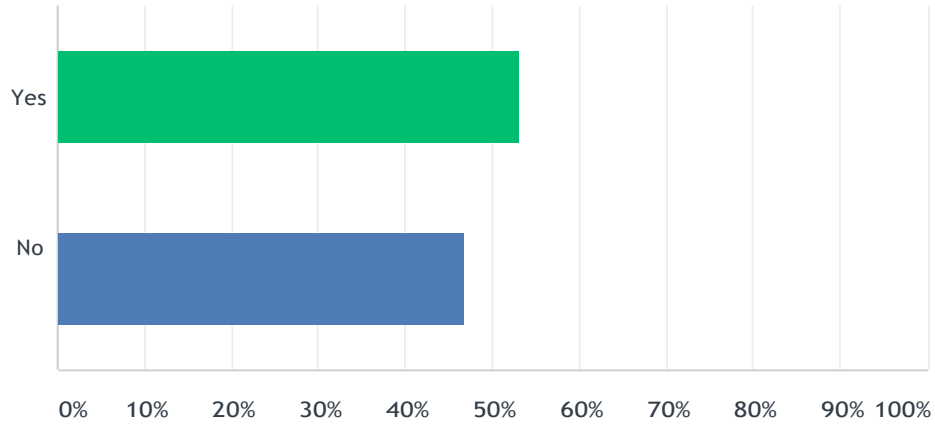
If the APAs were eliminated, what are the potential impacts?



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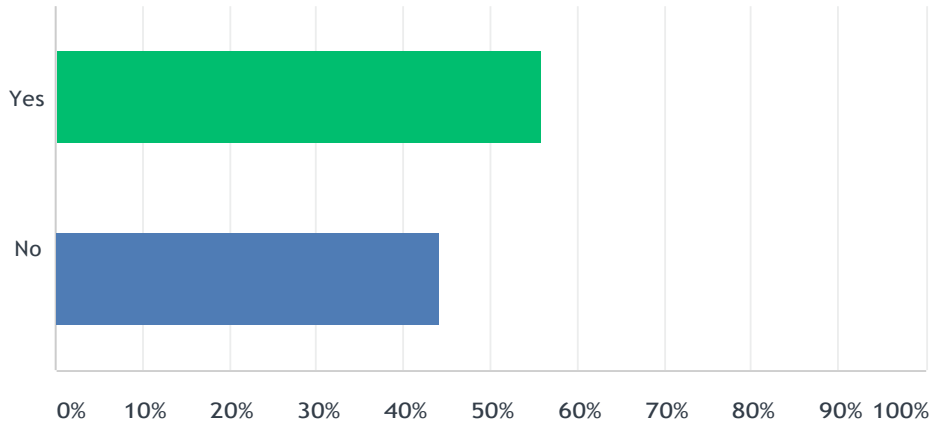
Service delivery delays	50.00%
Waiting lists	42.31%
Refer out to other providers	38.46%
Staff layoffs	61.54%
Program closures	55.62%

Have you discussed these potential impacts with your BH-MCO?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	53.13%
No	46.88%

Has your BH-MCO(s) indicated there will be a future reconciliation of your current APA?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	55.88% 19
No	44.12% 15

