

BHAM Montana Legislative Update – March 3, 2025

Transmittal dates for this session are March 10-14, 2025 and no meetings will be held.

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Bills we're watching:

Medicaid Expansion:

[HB245](#), Senator Buttrey, is on the Governor's desk after passing both the House and the Senate! **BHAM strongly supports this bill.**

Medicaid Rate Reimbursement:

A Decision Package (DP) was moved by Sen. Kerr-Carpenter to increase Medicaid providers rate by 3% for this biennium at the Part B Budget Committee in HB2.

1. [HB419](#) (Bedey). This bill will allow DPHHS to review cost reports for Medicaid providers in senior and long-term care, mental health, substance use disorder and intellectual developmentally disabled programs every other year. Medicaid providers are already 5 years behind costs in reimbursement. **BHAM strongly supports this bill and encourages advocacy efforts to move it forward with the understanding that cost reporting adjustments need to occur every two years.**
2. [HB750](#) (Caferro). This bill would have allowed for an inflationary factor to be introduced into statute for all Medicaid providers and was unanimously tabled in committee. **BHAM strongly supported this bill.**

Procurement Emphasis on In-State Providers

[HB749](#), (Caferro), was tabled in committee on February 28, 2025. **BHAM supported this bill.**

School-Based Mental Health

[SB521](#) (Pope), a bill for OPI and DPHHS to develop school-based mental health will be heard in the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. **BHAM supports this bill.**

Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHCs)

[HB574](#), (Gillette) Authorizing implementation of the certified community behavioral health clinic model will be heard on 2nd reading on Monday, March 3, 2025.

Behavioral Health Services for Future Generations (BHSFG)

1. HB2, Appropriations. Behavioral Health Recommendations for Future Generations Recommendations. SUPPORT. The recommendations were heard in Part B DPHHS Budget Appropriations on February 24, 2025. Below is a list of the recommendations discussed and which passes/failed.

(DP=Decision Package)

DP 10711 – (BHSFG #01) – updated, 0208 waiver services tiered rates (RST/BIEN) - PASSED

DP 10713 - (BHSFG #03) – updated, service delivery system for complex needs (RST/BIEN) - PASSED

DP 10714 – (BHSFG #04) – updated, redefine and reopen E&D clinics - failed

DP 10716 – (BHSFG #06) – updated, enhanced TCM - not offered

DP 10718 – (BHSFG #08) – updated, care transitions program – FY27 only – (RST/BIEN) – PASSED

DP 10719 – (BHSFG #09) – updated, electronic bed registry and enhanced 988 - see DP 10749 and DP10759

DP 10749 – (BHSFG #9.2 updated Enhanced 988 Call Centers only) (RST/BIEN) - PASSED

DP 10759 – (BHSFG #9.1 updated Marketing campaign 988) (RST/BIEN/OTO) – PASSED

DP 10727 – (BHSFG #17) updated, RST/BIEN – see DP 10799

DP 10799 – (BHSFG #17 – RST/BIEN updated with OTO – Redesign rates for In-state Youth Residential Services – PASSED (pg 22-23) (Glimm no)

DP 10728 (BHSFG #18) - RST/BIEN Updated, school-based BH initiatives – not offered originally, later substitute motion (Fox) to cut in half - PASSED

DP 10729 – (BHSFG #19) updated, BH and DD Workforce incentives – (RST/BIEN)
added OTO - PASSED