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Provider Bulletin**

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To: Mental Health Clinics, General Hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Clinics

Subject: Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Enhanced Care Clinic Application Process

This bulletin is to notify Mental Health Clinic providers, General Hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs) that the **Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP)** is seeking applications from mental health and substance abuse clinics to be considered for designation as Enhanced Care Clinics (ECC). The CT BHP will reimburse designated Enhanced Care Clinics with fees that are, on average, 25 percent higher than the standard CT BHP Husky fee schedule for routine outpatient mental health and substance abuse services. FQHCs are exempt from the enhanced fees. Enhanced Care Clinics must meet special requirements to qualify for designation.

Enhanced care clinics will provide a centralized point of access with triage protocols to effectively screen and promptly serve clients. Services will be offered at times that can accommodate clients' needs. Clients will be screened and treated for co-occurring disorders, provided specialty care and evidence-based treatments as appropriate, and afforded access to culturally competent care. Client services and support will be emphasized by the clinics. Additionally, clinics will negotiate coordination agreements with primary care providers that serve clinic clients. Enhanced Care Clinics must meet special requirements relating to five domains of service, specifically, access, coordination of care, client services and support, quality of care and cultural competence. The overall goal of this initiative is to provide adults and children who are seeking behavioral health services and supports with enhanced access to a coordinated, effective, and efficient service system, and to reduce reliance on unnecessary institutional care.

The Enhanced Care Clinic Request for Applications (RFA) can be downloaded at www.das.state.ct.us by clicking on the link to the Contracting Portal. Once the portal has been accessed, click the link to "Social Services, Department of" under the chart of "Contracting Organizations with Open Bids."

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