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## **MDHHS expands Behavioral Health Home services to additional counties**

**LANSING, Mich.** –The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has expanded the [Behavioral Health Home \(BHH\)](#) initiative to more Michigan counties to provide intensive care management and coordination services for Medicaid beneficiaries with a serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED).

“The expansion of the BHH will help address the complexity of physical and behavioral health conditions in Michigan and improve access to essential services,” said Elizabeth Hertel, director of MDHHS. “For enrolled beneficiaries, the Health Home will function as the central point of contact for directing patient-centered care across the broader health care system.”

The U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently approved Michigan’s State Plan Amendment (SPA) to expand its BHH initiative into five counties within two [Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan](#) regions (PIHP): CMH Partnership of Southeast Michigan and Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network. The expanded SPA will allow thousands of Medicaid beneficiaries meeting the eligibility criteria to receive BHH services.

The Behavioral Health Home is a benefit offered to Medicaid beneficiaries who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness or a serious emotional disturbance and reside within one of the following PIHP regions/counties:

- NorthCare Network (counties in the Upper Peninsula)
- Northern Michigan Regional Entity (21 northern-most counties of the Lower Peninsula)
- CMH Partnership of Southeast Michigan (Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw)
- Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (Wayne)
- Oakland Community Health Network (Oakland)

Individuals who meet the criteria can work with a team of providers who will attend to the beneficiary's complete health and social needs. Participation is voluntary and enrolled beneficiaries may opt out at any time.

[According to a 2019 report](#), half of Michigan Medicaid beneficiaries with a mental illness do not receive needed treatment in a given year. Behavioral Health Homes are a proven model to increase access to coordinated and integrated care, which is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For BHH information, including eligibility and available resources, visit [Michigan.gov/BHH](https://www.michigan.gov/BHH).

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