



MEMORANDUM

TO: EPH Medicaid Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: 12/06/2024

RE: In-Lieu-of-Covered Services

As allowed by 42 C.F.R. § 438.3(e)(2), the following HHSC approved in-lieu of services identified and defined below, will be provided by El Paso Health effective December 1, 2024. El Paso Health's In-Lieu of services include:

- Partial Hospitalization Services - services provide a structured day program of outpatient behavioral health services. Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHPs) may provide services for mental health, SUD, or both. These services resemble highly structured, short-term hospital inpatient programs. The treatment level is more intense than outpatient day treatment or psychosocial rehabilitation.
- Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Services - services for mental health may include hospital outpatient departments and clinic/group practices enrolled in Medicaid and able to meet the below requirements with a multidisciplinary team approach to patient care under the direction of a physician.

The intent of providing partial hospitalization services (PHP), or intensive outpatient program (IOP) services, as in-lieu-of services, is to prevent or reduce inpatient hospitalization. However, there may be cases where inpatient hospitalization is medically necessary. The Member must receive the most appropriate service during an episode of care.

El Paso Health's instructional guidance provides our community partners information and guidance on in lieu of service benefits, eligibility requirements, participation, authorization, prescribing process, claims and compliance processes.

Link to requirements: Guidelines for Medical Necessity Determination In lieu of Services

[EPH-PR-In Lieu of Services Guidance.pdf](#)



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