

The Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) and the Division of Medical Services (DMS), along with many stakeholders and providers, have been working together on Behavioral Health Transformation for the last few years. This week we have reached a tremendous milestone that we would like to share with all of you.

On October 6, multiple documents, which are listed below, were posted for Public Comment.

- Outpatient Behavioral Health Certification Rule
- Behavioral Health Home Certification Rule
- 1915(i) State Plan Amendment
- Behavioral Health Home State Plan Amendment
- Outpatient Behavioral Health Medicaid Manual

These documents represent some of the major components of the Behavioral Health Transformation and the Department's effort to offer home and community based services and care coordination. In addition to these documents, you will find information regarding the continued status of our existing behavioral health programs.

All documents can all be found on the Payment Improvement Initiative website <http://www.paymentinitiative.org/healthHome/Pages/Behavioral-Health.aspx>

I encourage you all to review the material and we welcome your feedback. If you have feedback or questions, feel free to contact Julie Meyer at Julie.Meyer@dhs.arkansas.gov.