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Dear IEHP Provider:

Inland Empire Health Plan is pleased to announce a new competitive funding opportunity through the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) – Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Incentive Program. Supported by Proposition 56 funds, the program’s objective is to incentivize clinical providers to improve physical and behavioral health outcomes, care delivery efficiency, and patient experience by establishing or expanding integrated care practice models.

It is estimated that 4.4 million Californians need mental health treatment with nearly 2 million suffering from a serious mental illness. Unfortunately, components of our health care system remain fragmented and often falls short in providing care for those with chronic medical and behavioral health issues. This incentive program seeks to address these poor outcomes by supporting providers working toward integrating care at their clinical sites.

The BHI Incentive Program has six primary focus areas:

- Basic behavioral health integration
- Maternal access to mental health and substance use disorder screening and treatment
- Medication management for beneficiaries with co-occurring chronic medical and behavioral diagnoses
- Diabetes screening and treatment for people with serious mental illness
- Improving follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness
- Improving follow-up after emergency department visit for behavioral health diagnosis

Provider applicants will propose projects addressing one or more of the focus areas listed above. Providers at all levels of integration are encouraged to apply—from those just starting to incorporate behavioral health into their practices to those who are already integrating care but seek to enhance their efforts. Primary care, specialty care, perinatal care, hospitals, behavioral health providers, county operated clinics, and federally qualified health centers are all eligible to apply.

The DHCS program description, eligibility details, requirements, application, and information about a DHCS webinar on the program can be found at:

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/VBP_BHI_IncProApp.aspx . The DHCS informational webinar is scheduled for **Friday, November 22, 2019**.

An IEHP informational webinar for interested applicants will be held in early December. Additional information on the IEHP informational webinar and specific project submittal instructions will be sent in a subsequent correspondence.

Providers seeking to participate in the BHI Incentive Program must submit their application to IEHP no later than 5 pm PT on January 21, 2020.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jarrod McNaughton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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