

**Washington Apple Health (Medicaid)**

# **Community Behavioral Health Support Services (CBHS) Billing Guide**

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## Resources Available

Topic	Resource
<b>Becoming a provider or submitting a change of address or ownership</b>	See HCA's <a href="#">ProviderOne Resources</a> webpage
<b>Contacting Provider Enrollment</b>	See HCA's <a href="#">ProviderOne Resources</a> webpage
<b>Finding out about payments, denials, claims processing, or HCA managed care organizations</b>	See HCA's <a href="#">ProviderOne Resources</a> webpage
<b>Electronic billing</b>	See HCA's <a href="#">ProviderOne Resources</a> webpage
<b>Finding HCA documents (e.g., billing guides, fee schedules)</b>	See HCA's <a href="#">ProviderOne Resources</a> webpage
<b>Private insurance or third-party liability, other than HCA-contracted managed care</b>	See HCA's <a href="#">ProviderOne Resources</a> webpage
<b>Access E-learning tools</b>	See HCA's <a href="#">ProviderOne Resources</a> webpage
<b>Community Behavioral Health Support Services general information</b>	See HCA's <a href="#">CBHS webpage</a>

## Definitions

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This list defines terms and abbreviations, including acronyms, used in this billing guide. Refer to [Chapter 182-500 WAC](#) for a complete list of definitions for Washington Apple Health.

**Adult family home (AFH)**- A residential home licensed to care for up to six nonrelated residents. An AFH provides room, board, laundry, supervision, and help as needed with activities of daily living, personal care, and social services. See [RCW 70.128.010](#).

**Activities of daily living (ADL)**- Certain self-care activities related to personal care. See [RCW 18.20.310](#) and [WAC 388-106-0010](#).

**Adult residential care facility (ARC)** – A licensed assisted living facility that has an adult residential care contract with the Department of Social and Health Services to provide a supervised living arrangement in a home-like environment for seven or more people. ARC services include housing, housekeeping services, meals, snacks, laundry, personal care, and activities.

**Assisted living facility (ALF)**- A facility in a community setting that is licensed to care for seven or more residents. An ALF provides room and board and helps with activities of daily living (ADL). Some ALFs provide limited nursing services; others may specialize in serving people with mental health problems, developmental disabilities, or dementia (Alzheimer's disease). See [RCW 18-20-020\(2\)](#).

**Atypical provider identifier (API)**- Atypical providers are providers that do not provide health care, as defined under HIPAA in Federal regulations at [45 CFR section 160.103](#). An API number is issued by HCA to use in the NPI field for providers unable to acquire an NPI.

**Behavioral health agency (BHA)**- An entity licensed by the Department of Health to provide behavioral health services under Chapters [71.05](#), [71.24](#), or [71.34](#) RCW.

**Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5)** - The manual published under this title by the American Psychiatric Association that provides a common language and standard criteria for the classification of mental disorders.

**Enhanced adult residential care facility (EARC)**-A licensed assisted living facility (ALF) with an enhanced adult residential care contract with the Department of Social and Health Services to provide adult residential care (ARC) services. In addition to the services provided under an ARC services contract, the EARC provides medication administration and intermittent nursing services if the client has an assessed need for those services.

**Enhanced services facility (ESF)**- A facility that provides support and services to persons for whom acute inpatient treatment is not medically necessary. See [RCW 70.97.010](#).

**Instrumental activities of daily living (iADL)** – See [WAC 388-106-0010](#).

**Managed care organization (MCO)** – See [WAC 182-538-050](#).

**National Provider Identifier (NPI)** – See [WAC 182-500-0075](#).

## Program Overview

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### What is the Community Behavioral Health Support Services benefit?

Community behavioral health support services are individually tailored to help clients acquire, retain, restore, and improve the self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully in community-based settings.

Supportive supervision providers furnish services to clients on a one-on-one basis to monitor, redirect, divert, and cue the client to prevent at-risk behavior that may result in harm to the client or to others. These interventions are not related to the provision of personal care.

These services assist clients in building skills and resiliency to support stabilized living and integration. Interventions are coordinated as appropriate with other support services, including behavioral health services.

**Note:** Supportive supervision does not cover environmental modifications, such as requests for individual rooms or other material goods or services.

## Client Eligibility

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Most Apple Health clients are enrolled in an HCA-contracted managed care organization (MCO). This means that Apple Health pays a monthly premium to an MCO for providing preventative, primary, specialty, and other health services to Apple Health clients. Clients in managed care must see only providers who are in their MCO's provider network, unless prior authorized or to treat urgent or emergent care. See HCA's [Apple Health managed care page](#) for further details.

**It is important to always check a client's eligibility prior to providing any services because it affects who will pay for the services.**

### How do I verify a client's eligibility?

Check the client's services card or follow the two-step process below to verify that a client has Apple Health coverage for the date of service and that the client's benefit package covers the applicable service. This helps prevent delivering a service HCA will not pay for.

### Verifying eligibility is a two-step process:

- Step 1. Verify the patient's eligibility for Apple Health.** For detailed instructions on verifying a patient's eligibility for Apple Health, see the *Client Eligibility, Benefit Packages, and Coverage Limits* section in HCA's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#).
- If the patient is eligible for Apple Health, proceed to **Step 2**. If the patient is **not** eligible, see the note box below.
- Step 2. Verify service coverage under the Apple Health client's benefit package.** To determine if the requested service is a covered benefit under the Apple Health client's benefit package, see HCA's [Program Benefit Packages and Scope of Services](#) webpage.

**Note:** Patients who are not Apple Health clients may apply for health care coverage in one of the following ways:

- **Online:** Go to [Washington Healthplanfinder](#) - select the "Apply Now" button. For patients age 65 and older or on Medicare, go to [Washington Connections](#) select the "Apply Now" button.
- **Mobile app:** Download the [WAPlanfinder app](#) – select "sign in" or "create an account".

- **Phone:** Call the Washington Healthplanfinder Customer Support Center at 1-855-923-4633 or 855-627-9604 (TTY).
- **Paper:** By completing an *Application for Health Care Coverage (HCA 18-001P)* form.  
To download an HCA form, see HCA's Free or Low Cost Health Care, [Forms & Publications](#) webpage. Type only the form number into the Search box (Example: **18-001P**). For patients age 65 and older or on Medicare, complete the *Washington Apple Health Application for Aged, Blind, Disabled/Long-Term Services and Support (HCA 18-005)* form.
- **In-person:** Local resources who, at no additional cost, can help you apply for health coverage. See the [Health Benefit Exchange Navigator](#).

## Are clients enrolled in an HCA-contracted managed care organization (MCO) eligible?

**Yes.** Most Apple Health clients are enrolled in one of HCA's contracted managed care organizations (MCOs). For these clients, managed care enrollment is displayed on the client benefit inquiry screen in ProviderOne.

All medical services covered under an HCA-contracted MCO must be obtained through the MCO's contracted network. The MCO is responsible for:

- Payment of covered services
- Payment of services referred by a provider participating with the plan to an outside provider

**Note:** A client's enrollment can change monthly. Providers who are not contracted with the MCO must receive approval from **both** the MCO and the client's primary care provider (PCP) prior to serving a managed care client.

**Send claims to the client's MCO for payment.** Call the client's MCO to discuss payment prior to providing the service. Providers may bill clients only in very limited situations as described in [WAC 182-502-0160](#).

**Note:** To prevent billing denials, check the client's eligibility **prior** to scheduling services and at the **time of the service**, and make sure proper authorization or referral is obtained from the HCA-contracted MCO, if appropriate. See HCA's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#) for instructions on how to verify a client's eligibility.

## Managed care enrollment

Most Apple Health clients are enrolled in an HCA-contracted MCO the same month they are determined eligible for managed care as a new or renewing client. Some clients may still start their first month of eligibility in the FFS program because their qualification for MC enrollment is not established until the month following their Apple Health eligibility determination.

**Exception:** Apple Health Expansion clients are enrolled in MC and will not start their first month of eligibility in the FFS program. For more information, visit [Apple Health Expansion](#). Providers must check eligibility to determine enrollment for the month of service.

New clients are those initially applying for benefits or those with changes in their existing eligibility program that consequently make them eligible for Apple Health managed care. Renewing clients are those who have been enrolled with an MCO but have had a break in enrollment and have subsequently renewed their eligibility.

### Checking eligibility

Providers must check eligibility and know when a client is enrolled and with which MCO. For help with enrolling, clients can refer to HCA's [Apply for or renew coverage webpage](#).

### Clients' options to change plans

Clients have a variety of options to change their plan:

- **Available to clients with a Washington Healthplanfinder account:**
  - Go to [Washington Healthplanfinder website](#).
- **Available to all Apple Health clients:**
  - Visit the [ProviderOne Client Portal website](#):
  - Request a change online at [ProviderOne Contact Us](#) (this will generate an email to Apple Health Customer Service). Select the topic "Enroll/Change Health Plans."
  - Call Apple Health Customer Service at 1-800-562-3022. The automated system is available 24/7.

For online information, direct clients to HCA's [Apple Health Managed Care webpage](#).

## Clients who are not enrolled in an HCA-contracted managed care plan for physical health services

Some Apple Health clients do not meet the qualifications for managed care enrollment or have the option to enroll in fee-for-service (FFS). These clients are eligible for physical health services under the fee-for-service program.

In this situation, each Integrated Managed Care (IMC) plan will have Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO) benefit available for Apple Health clients who are not in integrated managed care. The BHSO covers only behavioral health treatment for those clients. Eligible clients who are not enrolled in an integrated HCA-contracted managed care plan are automatically enrolled in a BHSO, with the exception of American Indian/Alaska Native clients. If the client receives Medicaid-covered services before being automatically enrolled in a BHSO, the fee-for-service program will reimburse providers for the covered services. Examples of populations that may be exempt from enrolling into an integrated managed care plan are Medicare dual-eligible, American Indian/Alaska Native, Adoption Support and Foster Care Alumni.

## Integrated managed care

Clients qualified for enrollment in an integrated managed care plan receive all physical health services, mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment through their HCA-contracted managed care organization (MCO).

## Integrated Apple Health Foster Care (AHFC)

Children and young adults in the Foster Care, Adoption Support and Alumni programs who are enrolled in Coordinated Care's (CC) Apple Health Core Connections Foster Care program receive both medical and behavioral health services from CC.

Clients under this program are:

- Under the age of 18 who are in foster care (out of home placement)
- Under the age of 21 who are receiving adoption support
- Age 18-21 years old in extended foster care
- Age 18 to 26 years old who aged out of foster care on or after their 18th birthday (alumni)

These clients are identified in ProviderOne as "**Coordinated Care Healthy Options Foster Care.**"

The Apple Health Customer Services team can answer general questions about this program. For specific questions about Adoption Support, Foster Care or Alumni clients, contact HCA's Foster Care and Adoption Support (FCAC) team at 1-800-562-3022, Ext. 15480.

## Fee-for-service Apple Health Foster Care

Children and young adults in the fee-for-service Apple Health Foster Care, Adoption Support and Alumni programs receive behavioral health services through the regional Behavioral Health Services Organization (BHSO). For details, see HCA's [Mental Health Services Billing Guide](#), under *How do providers identify the correct payer?*

## American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Clients

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) clients have two options for Apple Health coverage:

- Apple Health Managed Care
- Apple Health coverage without a managed care plan (also referred to as fee-for-service [FFS])

If an AI/AN client does not choose a managed care plan, they will be automatically enrolled into Apple Health FFS for all their health care services, including comprehensive behavioral health services. See the Health Care Authority's (HCA) [American Indian/Alaska Native webpage](#).

## What if a client has third-party liability (TPL)?

If the client has third-party liability (TPL) coverage (excluding Medicare), prior authorization must be obtained before providing any service requiring prior authorization. For more information on TPL, refer to HCA's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#).

## Eligibility for the CBHS benefit

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### Who may receive the CBHS benefit?

(WAC 182-561-0300)

To receive the CBHS benefit, a person must meet all the following:

- Be age 18 or older
- Be eligible for Apple Health
- Receive home and community services in a licensed residential facility
- Have a qualifying diagnosis as identified in WAC [182-561-0700](#).  
(Providers must use the most appropriate diagnosis code.)
- Meet the additional criteria described in WAC [182-561-0300](#)

### Qualifying behaviors

A qualifying behavior for supportive supervision must be related to and driven by a primary diagnosis of mental illness, as identified in WAC 182-561-0700.

A psychiatric symptom is not necessarily a qualifying behavior. To be a qualifying behavior for supportive supervision, the behavior must create a risk to safety and/or cause distress to and escalate the client or other residents to crisis if not monitored and redirected by staff.

Behaviors that result in a need for additional staff or additional staff time to attend to activities of daily living (ADL) or instrumental activities of daily living (iADL) needs are not considered qualifying behaviors for the purpose of [supportive supervision tiering](#).

## Provider Requirements

### Who may provide supportive supervision services?

The following licensed, agency-contracted facilities may provide supportive supervision services. Providers must use the associated billing taxonomy when setting up a profile in ProviderOne.

Facility Type	Taxonomy
<b>Adult family home (AFH)</b>	311ZA0620X
<b>Assisted Living Facilities (ALF), including the following subcontracted under an ALF:</b>	310400000X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enhanced Adult Residential Care Facility (EARC)</b></li> <li>• <b>Adult Residential Care (ARC) Facility</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Enhanced services facilities</b>	3104A0625X

### Additional requirements to provide supportive supervision

Supportive supervision providers must meet both of the following:

- Have a signed core provider agreement (CPA) with HCA
- Contract with Apple Health managed care organizations for residents receiving Medicaid through managed care.

See the Community Behavioral Health Support Services Program Guide on the [CBHS webpage](#) for more information.

## Accessing CBHS Services

### What is the CBHS pathway to care?

To initiate community behavioral health support services, the Aging and Long Term Supports (AL TSA) Division of the Department of Social and Health Services completes a CARES assessment and submits the Community Behavioral Health Supports (CBHS) referral form (HCA 13-0124) to:

HCA	MCOs
For fee-for-service clients	For managed care clients
<p>HCA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviews clinical documentation</li> <li>• Makes a tier recommendation</li> <li>• Confirms eligibility</li> <li>• Coordinates services with residential providers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MCO reviews clinical documentation and submits referral with tier recommendation to HCA to confirm eligibility</li> <li>• HCA confirms functional and financial eligibility and submits the referral back to the MCO</li> <li>• The MCO coordinates services with residential providers</li> </ul>

## Supportive Supervision Tier Levels

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Payment for supportive supervision services is divided into six tiers. HCA and the managed care organizations use the information in the [tier guidance table](#) and the supporting documentation provided with the referral form to determine the appropriate level of care. The level of care is based on the frequency and intensity of [qualifying behaviors](#).

To ensure the provider is furnishing the average number of hours for the authorized tier, the provider:

- Adds the total number of hours documented for provided services in a calendar week starting on Sunday at 12:01 a.m. and ending on Saturday at midnight; and
- Divides by seven.

**Example:** For a client who receives 42 hours of services in a calendar week, divide the total by seven to reach an average of six hours per day.

**Note:** When the average weekly amount exceeds or falls below the approved number of hours for four consecutive weeks, a provider may request a reassessment of hours, or HCA and the MCO may reassess the hours needed.

At a minimum, all clients eligible for supportive supervision qualify for tier one. Payment for services provided is based on the authorized tier, which is determined by the client's acuity needs as described in the tier guidance table.

## Tier guidance table

Rate Tier	Tiering Guidance	HCPCS Code	Modifier
<b>Tier 1: 0.5 – 2.0 hours per day</b>	<p>The client demonstrates a qualifying behavior(s) that requires daily intermittent monitoring, redirection, and cueing to promote community stability and to ensure the safety of the client and other residents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>The client has a significant history of behaviors that are well-managed in a highly structured setting but are at risk of recurring in a community setting if not met with the appropriate level of supportive supervision.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>For renewal or re-assessment, the client has a history of behavior(s) meeting the guidelines above, which are currently prevented only by additional skilled staff intervention.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Client’s response to delusions and hallucinations require intermittent redirection at baseline</li> <li>• Mood swings and tearfulness that require additional reassurance</li> <li>• Repetitive complaints or requests that require additional staff time, but do not escalate</li> <li>• Irritability and agitation that can be mediated by taking a thoughtful approach and allowing additional time to complete tasks</li> <li>• Multiple prompts often required for tasks</li> </ul>	<p>S5126</p> <p>Attendant care services, per diem</p>	None

Rate Tier	Tiering Guidance	HCPCS Code	Modifier
<b>Tier 2: 2.1 – 6.0 hours per day</b>	<p>The client demonstrates current, qualifying behavior(s) at a frequency that requires an average of 2.1-6.0 hours per day of dedicated staff to redirect, deescalate, and cue to promote community stability and to ensure the safety of the client and other residents.</p>	<p>S5126 Attendant care services, per diem</p>	<p>TF</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>The client has demonstrated multiple qualifying behaviors requiring an average of 2.1-6.0 hours per day of 1:1 staffing within the past month. Behaviors may be well-managed in a highly structured setting but are at risk of recurring in a community setting if not met with the appropriate level of supportive supervision.</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>For renewal or reassessment, the client has a history of behavior(s) meeting the guidelines above, which are currently prevented only by additional skilled staff intervention at this tier level.</p>		
	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May include behavioral examples from previous tier(s) and:</li> <li>• Client’s response to delusions and hallucinations requires regular redirection or environmental modification at baseline to prevent escalation</li> <li>• Irritability and agitation sometimes expressed through yelling/screaming</li> <li>• Poor frustration tolerance can result in verbal abuse of staff or other residents</li> <li>• Sometimes intrusive to other residents’ personal space or property, creating risk of harm if not deescalated promptly</li> </ul>		

Rate Tier	Tiering Guidance	HCPCS Code	Modifier
<p><b>Tier 3: 6.1 – 10.0 hours per day</b></p>	<p>The client demonstrates multiple qualifying behaviors at a frequency and intensity that requires an average of 6.1-10.0 hours per day of 1:1 staffing to redirect, engage, deescalate, and cue to promote community stability and to ensure the safety of the client and other residents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>The client has demonstrated multiple qualifying behaviors requiring an average of 6.1-10.0 hours per day of 1:1 staffing within the past month. Behaviors may be well-managed in a highly structured setting but are at risk of recurring and/or increasing in frequency/severity in a community setting if not met with the appropriate level of supportive supervision.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>For renewal or reassessment, the client has a history of behavior(s) meeting the guidelines above, which are currently prevented only by additional skilled staff intervention at this tier level.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May include behavioral examples from previous tier(s) and:</li> <li>• Irritability and agitation often expressed through intimidating behavior or posturing</li> <li>• Requires close monitoring to prevent intentional self-injury</li> <li>• Engages in wandering, but redirectable if closely monitored</li> <li>• Sexually inappropriate comments</li> <li>• If awakens during night to toilet, able to return to bed without excessive prompting</li> </ul>	<p>S5126</p> <p>Attendant care services, per diem</p>	<p>HE</p>

Rate Tier	Tiering Guidance	HCPCS Code	Modifier
<p><b>Tier 4: 10.1 – 15.0 hours per day</b></p>	<p>The client demonstrates multiple qualifying behaviors at a frequency and intensity that requires an average of 10.1-15.0 hours per day of 1:1 staffing to redirect, engage, deescalate, and cue to promote community stability and to ensure the safety of the client and other residents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>The client has demonstrated multiple qualifying behaviors requiring an average of 10.1-15.0 hours per day of 1:1 staffing within the past month. Behaviors require at least 1:1 intervention, even in a structured setting, but may be at risk of increasing in frequency and/or severity in a community setting if not met with the appropriate level of supportive supervision.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>For renewal or reassessment, the client has a history of behavior(s) meeting the guidelines above, which are currently prevented only by additional skilled staff intervention at this tier level.</p>	<p>S5126</p> <p>Attendant care services, per diem</p>	<p>TG</p>
	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May include behavioral examples from previous tier(s) and:</li> <li>• Assault on staff or other residents within the past 6 months</li> <li>• Requires close monitoring during most awake hours to prevent and redirect elopement attempts</li> <li>• Routinely engages in property damage, which may include breaking/throwing items</li> <li>• Engages in sexually inappropriate behavior (e.g., exposure, public masturbation, groping, etc.)</li> </ul>		

Rate Tier	Tiering Guidance	HCPCS Code	Modifier
<p><b>Tier 5: 15:1 – 20.0 hours per day</b></p>	<p>The client demonstrates multiple qualifying behaviors at a frequency and intensity that requires an average of 15.1-20.0 hours per day of 1:1 staffing to redirect, engage, deescalate, and cue to promote community stability and to ensure the safety of the client and other residents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Behaviors require daily 1:1 intervention even in the context of a structured setting and there would be an imminent risk of harm should the client not receive an average of 15.1-20.0 hours per day of at least 1:1 staffing in a community setting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>For renewal or re-assessment, the client has a history of behavior(s) meeting the guidelines above, which are currently prevented only by additional skilled staff intervention at this tier level.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May include behavioral examples from previous tier(s) and:</li> <li>• Regularly engages in assaultive behavior toward staff or other residents</li> <li>• Has an irregular sleep schedule or frequent awakenings and requires 1:1 staffing whenever awake to address disruption to other residents</li> <li>• Elopement attempts and/or wandering that place the client’s safety at risk may occur multiple times per month</li> <li>• Safety concerns include recent or historical pattern of fire-setting behavior</li> <li>• Disorganized behavior places the client at risk of harm if unaccompanied in the community</li> <li>• There is a very recent or prolonged history of sexually aggressive behavior</li> </ul>	<p>S5126</p> <p>Attendant care services, per diem</p>	<p>HK</p>

Rate Tier	Tiering Guidance	HCPCS Code	Modifier
<b>Tier 6 20.1 – 24 hours per day</b>	<p>The client demonstrates multiple qualifying behaviors at a frequency and intensity that requires an average of 20.1-24 hours per day of 1:1 staffing and/or regular episodes that require multiple staff to redirect, engage, deescalate, and cue to promote community stability and to ensure the safety of the client and other residents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Behaviors require constant 1:1 monitoring and intervention even in the context of a structured setting and there would be an imminent risk of harm should the client not receive an average of 20.1-24 hours per day of at least 1:1 staffing in a community setting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>For renewal or reassessment, the client has a history of behavior(s) meeting the guidelines above, which are currently prevented only by additional skilled staff intervention at this tier level.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May include behavioral examples from previous tier(s) and:</li> <li>• Consistently engages in assaultive behavior toward staff or other residents at baseline</li> <li>• Demonstrates a consistent pattern of self-harming behavior that is prevented only with line-of-sight supervision</li> <li>• Is consistently awake at night engaging in behavior that causes a significant threat to safety, such as those that could lead to fire or predatory behavior toward other residents</li> <li>• Elopement attempts may occur multiple times per week <i>and</i> elopement could lead to an imminent threat to client or community safety</li> <li>• Demonstrates current sexually aggressive behavior that is directed toward a specific target</li> </ul>	<p>S5126</p> <p>Attendant care services, per diem</p>	<p>HI</p>

## Documentation

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### Supportive supervision tracking and attestation form

The provider must complete the *CBHS Supportive Supervision Tracking and Attestation* form (HCA 13-0126) and submit it upon request.

The attestation must include basic client information, such as name and date of birth, as well as service information, such as date of service, hours provided, and a summary of services. The summary of services must include a description of behaviors for which intervention was needed, the intervention provided, and what occurred before the behavior requiring intervention began.

### Recordkeeping requirements

CBHS providers must retain the following records for clients receiving CBHS supportive supervision:

- CARE assessment
- Billing spreadsheets
- Supportive Supervision Tracking and Attestation form
- Other records required by contract

## Billing

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### What are the general billing requirements?

Providers must follow the billing requirements listed in HCA's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#). The guide explains how to complete electronic claims.

- The MCOs must provide the authorization number on the professional claim (837P format).
- To be paid, the dates of service, procedure code, modifier(s) when above tier one, and units of service must match those authorized on the authorization record.
- The provider must add the taxonomy used on the claim submitted to HCA or the MCO to the provider's profile in ProviderOne. (For more information, see [Completing the Core Provider Agreement](#).)

For current rates, see HCA's [provider billing guides and fee schedule webpage](#).

**Note:** All claims must be submitted electronically to HCA, except under limited circumstances.

For more information about this policy change, see [Paperless Billing at HCA](#).

For providers approved to bill paper claims, see HCA's [Paper Claim Billing Resource](#).

### How to bill for supportive supervision?

#### Managed care clients

##### Adult Family Homes

Adult family home providers must submit the Supportive Supervision Reporting Spreadsheet (located on the [CBHS webpage](#)) to the client's respective managed care organization (MCO). The spreadsheet is divided by tiers, and the adult family home adds clients to the appropriate tier level tab. Complete one row per client for each day supportive supervision is provided.

**Note:** If an adult family home serves more than one client enrolled with the same MCO, the adult family home may submit one spreadsheet to the MCO.

### **Other Community Residential Settings**

Other community residential settings, like assisted living facilities, must follow the MCO billing process.

### **Fee-for-service clients**

#### **Adult Family Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and Other Community Residential Settings**

CBHS providers must submit the Supportive Supervision Reporting Spreadsheet (located on the [CBHS webpage](#)) to HCA for clients not enrolled in a managed care plan. The spreadsheet is divided by tiers, and the provider adds clients to the appropriate tier level tab. Complete one row per client for each day supportive supervision is provided. Submit the Supportive Supervision Reporting Spreadsheet to: [hca1915iservices@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hca1915iservices@hca.wa.gov) for payment.