
CHAPTER 2: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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Specialized behavioral health services (SBHS) are mental health services and substance use/addiction disorder services, specifically defined in the Medicaid State Plan and/or applicable waivers. These services shall be administered under the authority of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) in collaboration with the Healthy Louisiana plans, as well as through the Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) program contractor, for members enrolled in CSOC. Specialized behavioral health services are distinguished from basic behavioral health (BH) services offered by the Healthy Louisiana plans and the CSOC contractor. Specialized behavioral health services are delivered by psychiatrists and other licensed mental health professionals including licensed psychiatrists, licensed clinical social workers and licensed professional counselors. Basic BH services are mental health and substance use services which are provided to enrollees with emotional, psychological, substance use, psychiatric symptoms and/or disorders that are provided in the member’s primary care physician (PCP) office by the member’s PCP as part of primary care service activities.

This provider manual chapter outlines SBHS offered under Medicaid managed care, §1915(c) and §1915(b) wavier services offered only through the CSOC program contractor (currently Magellan), as well as other specialized behavioral health services offered to CSOC children and Medicaid members enrolled in a Healthy Louisiana plan.