

As of February 2022, thirteen states have behavioral and/or mental health departments or offices that are their own free-standing and separate entities. They are Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. These states are listed below.

A state must designate a "single state agency" to "administer or supervise the administration" of its Medicaid program. The "single state agency" is strictly a statutory concept; in reality, most state Medicaid programs are administered by several state and local agencies as well as private contractors. This is because the "single state agency" may delegate to other state agencies, to localities, or to private entities, any of its administrative responsibilities other than the issuance of policies, rules, or regulations." An August 2000 APHSA survey found wide variation among the states with respect to operational responsibility for 16 key administrative functions ranging from eligibility policy to fraud and abuse. In only five states (Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Nebraska) does the Medicaid agency administer (or share in the administration of) all 16 functions. In the remaining states one or more of the functions was delegated to other state agencies, local agencies, or private contractors. A total of 29 states reported contracting out one or more of these 16 functions to the private sector; the function most contracted out was Medicaid management information systems (MMIS) operations."

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

We strive to end suffering from mental illness, substance use disorders, and problem gambling for all Ohioans.

<https://mha.ohio.gov/home>

Alabama Department of Mental Health

The Alabama Department of Mental Health serves more than 200,000 Alabama citizens with mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. Our mission is to Serve, Empower, and Support, and promote the health and well-being of Alabamians.

<https://mh.alabama.gov/>

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

The Department of Mental Health, as the State Mental Health Authority, assures and provides access to services and supports to meet the mental health needs of individuals of all ages; enabling them to live, work and participate in their communities.

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-mental-health>

Mississippi Department of Mental Health

DMH administers and operates state behavioral health programs, a mental health community living program, and a specialized behavioral health program for youth. These programs serve designated counties or service areas and offer community living and/or community services.

<http://www.dmh.ms.gov/>

Missouri Department of Mental Health

The Missouri Department of Mental Health was first established as a cabinet-level state agency by the Omnibus State Government Reorganization Act, effective July 1, 1974.

State law provides three principal missions for the department: (1) the prevention of mental disorders, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, and compulsive gambling; (2) the treatment, habilitation, and rehabilitation of Missourians who have those conditions; and (3) the improvement of public understanding and attitudes about mental disorders, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, and compulsive gambling.

<https://dmh.mo.gov/>

Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is a health care agency whose mission is to promote the overall health and wellness of persons with behavioral health needs through an integrated network of holistic, comprehensive, effective, and efficient services and supports that foster dignity, respect, and self-sufficiency in those we serve.

<https://portal.ct.gov/DMHAS>

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

The department serves people living with mental health challenges, substance use disorders, intellectual and developmental disabilities, or any combination of these. As Georgia's public safety net, our primary responsibility is to serve people who are uninsured. We also serve individuals on Medicaid and others with few resources or options.

<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/>

New York Office of Mental Health

New York State has a large, multi-faceted mental health system that serves more than 700,000 individuals each year. The Office of Mental Health (OMH) operates psychiatric centers across the State. OMH also regulates, certifies and oversees more than 4,500 programs, operated by local governments and nonprofit agencies.

<https://omh.ny.gov/>

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services serves as the state's safety net mental health and substance use treatment services system. Founded in 1953, this agency is the leading expert in Oklahoma for all efforts associated with mental health and addiction, including prevention, treatment and recovery support services. The ODMHSAS also operates eleven (11) treatment provider organizations, including:

<https://oklahoma.gov/odmhsas.html>

Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

BHDDH is the second largest department in the state with more than 1,100 employees working in three divisions: Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and the state hospital system. Providing services to approximately 50,000 Rhode Islanders, and their loved ones, who are living with mental illness and/or substance use conditions, have developmental disabilities, or need Long Term Acute Care in the state hospital system, known as the Eleanor Slater Hospital (ESH). In addition, BHDDH administers funds which support a statewide network of prevention and mental health promotion initiatives.

<https://bhddh.ri.gov/>

South Carolina Department of Mental Health

Our mission is to support the recovery of people with mental illnesses. Through a Statewide network of community mental health centers, clinics, hospitals, and nursing homes the Department's clinical staff provide a complete array of medical and support services for children, adults, and families throughout South Carolina. We believe that with the right treatment and support, recovery is possible.

<https://scdmh.net/>

Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Creating collaborative pathways to resiliency, recovery, and independence for Tennesseans living with mental illness and substance use disorders.

<https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health.html>

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

There are currently a variety of complex reforms underway such as the DOJ Settlement Agreement, STEP-VA, and state hospital census management, that call for clearly defined and coordinated priorities, goals and thoughtful actions to ensure improvements have the intended impact. DBHDS' strategic

planning efforts work to coordinate efforts surrounding these major initiatives and other critical work throughout the agency. DBHDS also prepares plans required by §37.2-315 of the Code of Virginia and by the Department of Planning and Budget pursuant to §2.2-2684 of the Code of Virginia (Strategic Plans and Area Plans).

- Agency Plan 720 – [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services](#) (Central Office)
- Agency Plan 790 – [Grants to Localities](#) (CSB funding)
- Agency Plan 792 – [Mental Health Treatment Centers](#)
- Agency Plan 793 – [Intellectual Disabilities Training Centers](#)
- Agency Plan 794 – [Virginia Center Behavioral Rehabilitation](#)

<https://dbhds.virginia.gov/>