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## Glossary of Terms

APA	Alternate payment arrangements (APAs) include any payment arrangement between MCO and its providers other than Fee-for-Service (FFS). Some alternative payment arrangements call for the reporting of zero monetary amounts on the 837 transaction files.
BH Eligibility Slice File	Quarterly eligibility file received by IPRO from Department of Human Services (DHS). The file contains date of birth, county, gender, race, ethnicity, recipient ID#, assistance/aid categories, effective and expiration dates.
BHSRCC	Behavioral Health Services Reporting Classification Chart. OMHSAS updates and distributes the chart to the BH-MCOs semi-annually. The chart assists the BH-MCOs with determining the appropriate coding of services for both financial and encounter data reporting for HealthChoices. The BHSRCC grid is intended to assist the BH-MCOs in establishing edits in their reporting processes. However, it is not in any way intended to limit or expand behavioral health services in the HealthChoices Program. OMHSAS advises the BH-MCOs to keep the previous charts as reference guides.
ICN	Internal Control Number; 13-digit unique identification number assigned to each claim processed in PROMISE.
CIS	DHS's client information system (CIS) that is available to the BH-MCOs to access enrollment information.
ESC	Error Status Code. PROMISE error codes for encounters submitted by BH-MCOs. ESC dispositions are typically set to pay and list or deny, occasionally to super-suspend, which are then recycled by DXC Technology.
MAID	Medical Assistance Identification Number. Assigned to a member by DHS.
PM FUH	Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH) performance measure (PM). This 2016 BH PM assesses the percentage of discharges for members six years of age and older who were hospitalized for treatment of selected mental health disorders, who were seen on an ambulatory basis or who were in day/night treatment with a mental health provider on the date of discharge up to seven and 30 days after hospital discharge. BH-MCOs are required to submit data files and source code to IPRO. For this measure two separate versions are requested: HEDIS specifications and PA-specific specifications.
PM REA	Readmission Within 30 Days of Inpatient Psychiatric Discharge. This 2016 BH PM assesses the percentage of discharges for enrollees from inpatient acute psychiatric care that are subsequently followed by an inpatient acute psychiatric care readmission within 7 and 30 days of the previous discharge. BH-MCOs are required to submit data files and source code to IPRO.
PROMISE	Provider Reimbursement and Operations Management Information System (in electronic format). DHS's claim processing and management information system provided by DXC Technology stands. PROMISE accepts HIPAA 837 files for claims processing.

## Introduction

HealthChoices Behavioral Health (BH) is the mandatory managed care program which provides Medical Assistance recipients with BH services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (PA). The PA Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) contracted with IPRO as its external quality review organization (EQRO) to conduct the 2016 Encounter Data Validation (EDV) onsite reviews and webinars for the HealthChoices BH managed care organizations (BH-MCOs).

Encounter data validation is an ongoing process, involving the MCOs, the state encounter data unit and the EQRO. It includes both a baseline evaluation and ongoing monitoring of submission patterns. The purpose of this monitoring is to identify and resolve issues that arise in the encounter data submission process. In 2013, BH-MCO onsite reviews were conducted as a baseline evaluation of the BH-MCO encounter data units. In the third quarter of 2016 and the first and second quarters of 2017, BH-MCO's onsite visits and webinars were conducted as a part of the ongoing monitoring of submission of encounter data to the DHS's claim processing and management information system, Provider Reimbursement and Operations Management Information System (PROMISE).

Since 2005, on a weekly basis, IPRO receives encounter data extracts from PROMISE and loads the files to IPRO's Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) data warehouse (DW). For physical health (PH) encounter data, IPRO loads the PROMISE paid/accepted dental, professional, institutional and pharmacy extracts (Table 1). For BH encounter data, IPRO loads the PROMISE paid/accepted professional and institutional data extracts to its DW. Since January 1, 2012, IPRO also loads the PROMISE denied BH encounter data to its DW. As the weekly PH and BH encounter data extracts are loaded into IPRO's DW, IPRO conducts checks on the data elements and volumes received (Table 1).

**Table 1: Physical and Behavioral Health Encounter Data Volume**

Encounter Type	Claim Volume
<b>Physical Health<sup>1</sup></b>	
Institutional	62,622,327
Professional	208,985,522
Dental	9,586,305
Pharmacy	368,870,836
<b>Behavioral Health<sup>1</sup></b>	
Institutional	1,593,010
Professional	183,497,799

<sup>1</sup> Claim header volume stored in IPRO's data warehouse as of 1/23/2017.

In addition, on a quarterly basis, IPRO receives the PH and BH eligibility slice files from DHS and loads them into IPRO's SAS DW. The BH eligibility slice file contains eligibility and limited demographic information about members, such as date of birth, county, gender, race, ethnicity, recipient ID#, assistance/aid categories, effective and expiration dates.

On a monthly basis, IPRO attends the Encounter Action Team (EAT) technical meetings with DHS, DXC Technology (formerly known as HP), which provides technical discussions on encounter data submission issues, change orders and defect statuses. On a monthly basis, IPRO also attends the technical PROMISE call with DXC Technology, Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP), Mercer and the PH MCOs to discuss encounter data submission status and issues regarding the PH encounter data submissions. IPRO also participates on weekly PH calls with DHS and bi-weekly calls with OMHSAS to discuss BH encounter data validation activities.

During 2016 and 2017, as part of CMS's EDV protocol activities, IPRO reviewed and analyzed each BH-MCO's capability to produce encounter data and their electronic PROMISE submission process for accuracy and completeness. The BH-MCOs were instructed to complete an information systems capabilities assessment (ISCA) tool that IPRO developed based on CMS's ISCA tool developed on 5/1/2002. IPRO analyzed information from the ISCA tool and conducted a one-day onsite review or a four-hour webinar with each BH-MCO.

The ISCA and the EDV onsite visits/webinars focused on the following areas:

- Enrollment systems,
- Claims and encounter systems,
- BH performance measure (PM) development, and
- PROMISe submission and reconciliation process.

## Encounter Data Validation Process

The BH-MCOs were requested to complete and return the ISCA tool to IPRO prior to the EDV onsite visit or webinar. IPRO modified the 5/1/2002 version 1.0 ISCA found in CMS's appendix section of the External Quality Review Activity Protocol. IPRO tailored the questions for the BH-MCO, DHS and PROMISe submission process. IPRO also included a section on the BH-MCOs annual performance measure development activities and processes. The purpose of the assessment was to specify the capabilities of the BH-MCO's information systems (IS) and to pose standard questions to be used to assess the strengths of the BH-MCO with respect to these capabilities. The ISCA assisted IPRO to assess the extent to which the BH-MCO's information system is capable of producing valid encounter data, PM member-level data, tracking PROMISe encounter data submissions and other data necessary to support quality assessment and improvement and PM improvement programs.

The ISCA was divided into the following sections:

1. General Information
2. Enrollment Systems
  - a. Enrollment File Loads and Eligibility System(s)
  - b. Enrollment Reporting System
3. Claim Systems
  - a. Claims Types and Volume
  - b. Claims Processing
  - c. Claims Reporting System
4. Reporting
5. PROMISe Submission
  - a. Encounter Data Submission
  - b. Denial and Resubmission Processes

IPRO conducted a one-day onsite visit or a four-hour webinar with each BH-MCO. The purpose of the onsite visits/webinar was:

1. To be able to review the ISCA findings with the appropriate BH-MCO staff, and discuss any outstanding questions regarding the BH-MCO's ISCA responses;
2. To review the BH-MCO's production enrollment, claim/encounter, and PROMISe submission and PM development processes; and
3. To view member and claim examples selected from the 2016 BH Performance Measure HEDIS Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH) member-level data files submitted on the BH-MCO's system screens.

## General Information

Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH) has participated in the BH HealthChoices contract since 1999. CCBH went live with Allegheny County in 1999. In 2016, CCBH continued to service 11 contracts which include 38 counties for the HealthChoices product line. Their total average enrollment in 2015 was 820,845 members (Table 2).

CCBH's 2016 EDV four-hour webinar was held on March 13, 2017. CCBH, OMHSAS and IPRO attended the webinar.

Table 2 lists the PA BH contractors where CCBH enrolled members during 2015 and the average monthly number of HealthChoices members enrolled for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015:

**Table 2: Average Monthly HealthChoices Enrollment by BH MCO Contractors**

BH-MCO Contractors	Average Monthly Enrollment in 2015
Adams	11,886
Allegheny	183,756
Berks	73,110
Chester	41,265
Erie	60,089
York	65,765
Northeast	113,113
Carbon, Monroe and Pike (CMP)	45,183
North Central	174,479
Blair	25,430
Lycoming/Clinton	26,769
Total	820,845

## Enrollment Systems

CCBH's primary source of enrollment information is the 834 Daily Eligibility File received from OMHSAS. These files communicate information about newly eligible members, updated demographic information, changed or terminated eligibility for existing members, and negated or deleted eligibility for members previously thought to be eligible. This information is extracted from the daily eligibility files and loaded into Askesis' PsychConsult®. PsychConsult® is a clinical application software product offered by Askesis Development Group. The 834 Daily Eligibility File is received and processed daily. CCBH selects the correct 834 eligibility record and applies it to PsychConsult® to correct the discrepancy.

CCBH also utilizes the following files to validate and supplement the 834 daily eligibility file:

1. 834 Monthly Eligibility File –File provides a snapshot of all members projected to be eligible as of the first day of the month following receipt of the file. The monthly eligibility files are used to identify and terminate open eligibility for members for whom a termination record was never communicated on an 834 daily file.
2. Monthly TPL File – This file contains new, changed or deleted third party liability (TPL) information.

CCBH uploads the data from the 834 daily eligibility file into a staging table. Records from the staging table are read and loaded into PsychConsult®. CCBH indicated that the volume of errors during the 834 daily eligibility file loads is low. If an error occurs, CCBH reviews the record with the CIS and the 834 eligibility record is reprocessed as required.

CCBH enrolls members on the effective date included on the 834 daily enrollment files. CCBH terminates members that are not on the 834 monthly eligibility file for the following month. CCBH disenrolls members typically on the last day of the month. Members that are not disenrolled on the last day of the month may be due to the member being transferred to a facility such as juvenile detention center or long term care facility. CCBH may also disenroll a member on the date of death that is included on the 834 daily and monthly enrollment files.

CCBH utilizes Structured Query Language (SQL) Server databases for reporting purposes and SQL programming language to load the enrollment files into the reporting system. The databases are refreshed weekly with claims data from CCBH's claims system, MC400 and member enrollment from PsychConsult®. Members in HealthChoices are assigned a single recipient identification number (Recipient ID) by DHS. CCBH assigns unique member identification numbers to members in PsychConsult®. CCBH can identify scenarios in which the County Assistance Office (CAO) has enrolled a member twice in HealthChoices. CCBH refers these records back to the CAO for correction. CCBH indicated that they have identified 834 daily eligibility files with incorrect Recipient ID. On receiving permission from OMHSAS, CCBH corrected the Recipient ID.

During the EDV webinar, IPRO requested and CCBH demonstrated their enrollment system data entry, enrollment history and demographic screens.

As part of the EDV process, IPRO compared the 2016 FUH PM member-level data to data in the BH paid/accepted PROMISE DW tables maintained by IPRO. IPRO also compared the enrollment information of the members included on the 2016 FUH PM member-level file to IPRO's BH Eligibility DW.

Prior to the EDV webinar, IPRO compared the members included in the 2016 FUH PM member-level data file to IPRO's BH eligibility data. IPRO utilized the enrollment data to verify and flag any members that were not enrolled with CCBH on the discharge date. IPRO identified four member records for review during the webinar. All four member records selected for review had enrollment history discrepancies. The following data elements were reviewed during the EDV webinar on CCBH's enrollment system for the two members: recipient ID#, date of birth, last and first name and enrollment and disenrollment dates for 2015.

The following observations were made:

- Member last and first name: IPRO was not able to confirm member last and first name in IPRO's DW, since the information is not available in the quarterly BH Eligibility Slice File. The name on the 2016 FUH PM member-level data file matched the name in CCBH's enrollment system.
- Date of birth: IPRO was able to confirm that the date of birth on CCBH's enrollment system matched the date of birth on IPRO's BH Eligibility DW.
- Enrollment history: The effective and expiration dates from CCBH's enrollment system did not match the dates on IPRO's BH Eligibility DW. After further review, it has been determined the discrepancy to be associated with the different eligibility source files and a certain number of mismatches are expected.

## Claims/Encounter Systems

CCBH receives and processes claims<sup>1</sup> from providers in three different modes: 837 files received from providers, direct online entry via CCBH's provider portal accesses website (Provider Online), and HCFA1500 and UB04 paper claims. Approximately 6.4 million claims with a date of service in 2015 were received and processed as of the date of the EDV webinar. Approximately 90% of CCBH's claims are received electronically. CCBH claims were adjudicated within 6-10 days from receipt.

CCBH contracts with a Third Party Administrator (TPA), UPMC Health Plan, for claims processing. UPMC Health Plan receives the claims and enters them into MC400, CCBH's claims processing system. MC400 solution is CCBH's proprietary claims processing system. The claims are processed and adjudicated in MC400. The member eligibility data is sent to UPMC Health Plan on a daily basis. The eligibility of the member on the date of service is verified by the UPMC Health Plan. CCBH also instructs its providers to verify member eligibility on the Eligibility Verification System (EVS) at the time of service. If a member is not eligible on the date of service then the claim is denied.

Once a claim is received and entered into the MC400, CCBH's first step is to perform a series of validation checks to ensure that only valid claims are adjudicated. The member's eligibility is validated on the date of service that is followed by a check to confirm that the service and the diagnosis codes are covered. After the claim passes the eligibility and covered services validation checks another series of checks on clinically-focused edits such as authorization on file and provider eligibility are applied. Claims that pass all the edit checks continue through CCBH's system for final processing without any human intervention. Claims that do not pass the edit checks are corrected and resubmitted by the provider. Approximately, 82% of CCBH's claims are auto-adjudicated. CCBH either pays or denies claims. CCBH does not pend claims. If a claim does not pass the validation checks then CCBH denies the claim.

CCBH applies all the edits to claims received electronically as well as paper claims. CCBH's claims examiners do not have the ability to change information submitted on a claim form.

CCBH pays a claim only if the primary diagnosis code indicates a BH service. If a claim is submitted with a primary diagnosis code indicating a PH service then CCBH denies the claim.

A claim received for a BH professional service performed during a PH inpatient stay is paid by CCBH only if the services are billed by a CCBH contracted provider and the claim is submitted with the county specific timely file, clinical and billing guidelines.

CCBH utilizes SQL Server databases to store all services and utilization data. The databases are refreshed on a weekly basis with claims data and the clinical data from PsychConsult®. CCBH utilizes record counts to ensure that all encounter data received from UPMC Health Plan is being entered into the reporting system. Based on CCBH's ISCA response, approximately 98.6% of their institutional and 99.9% of their professional claims incurred during the calendar year 2015 and paid through March 31, 2016 were complete.

CCBH conducts an audit of claims for all claim examiners on a weekly basis. A sample between 2% and 4% of claims up to a maximum of 25 claims processed in the previous week are checked for each claims examiner. A statistical sample of electronic claims for commercial and TPA are also audited on a weekly basis. For new hires, CCBH audits 100% of claims processed up to a maximum of 25 claims per day for the first two weeks of employment, 100% of claims processed up to 15 claims per day for the third and fourth weeks of employment, up to a maximum of 10 claims processed per day for the fifth week and up to a maximum of five claims processed for the sixth week. CCBH audits 100% of high dollar amount claims. CCBH utilizes a threshold of \$19,999.99 for institutional claims and \$4,999.99 for professional claims for high dollar amount claims.

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<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this report, the word "claim" is used to represent both claim and encounter data.

A claim received for a BH professional service performed during a PH inpatient stay is paid by CCBH if it is submitted by a contracted provider for an eligible HealthChoices member and submitted within the county specific timely filing timeframes, and clinical and billing guidelines.

Table 3 presents the number of claims paid or denied in 2015. The counts are based on service lines.

**Table 3: Paid and Denied Claims in 2015**

Type of Claim/Encounter	Claims Paid	Claims Denied
Institutional	66,248	13,509
Professional	6,361,202	500,663

As per CCBH’s contract with providers, a provider can submit claims within 60 days following the date of service for the Berks and Chester counties; 90 days following the date of service for the Allegheny, Blair, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Erie, Lycoming, Clinton, North Central, Northeast, York and Adams counties. In case a claim resubmission is required to correct a claim that has been submitted, the claim must be resubmitted within 120 days following the date of service for Berks county; 180 days following the date of service for Allegheny, Blair, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Chester, Erie, Lycoming, Clinton, North Central, Northeast, York and Adams counties. A secondary claim that is received after CCBH’s timely file guidelines must be submitted within 30 days from the primary insurance remittance processed date. Coordination of Benefits (COB) claims must be submitted within 365 days following the date of service or inpatient date of discharge. CCBH denies the COB claims submitted after 365 days following the date of service or inpatient date of discharge.

CCBH stores claims and encounter data in their reporting system from the inception of their contract with DHS in 2000. Historical data is accessed along with current data from their reporting system.

CCBH utilizes a data warehouse and a data mart that is built from the data warehouse for encounter data reporting purposes. On a weekly basis the data warehouse tables are refreshed with member enrollment data from PsychConsult®. On a weekly and monthly basis the data warehouse tables are refreshed with claims data from the MC400 system. The data mart is refreshed every time the data warehouse is refreshed. CCBH verifies the completeness of the data loaded to the reporting data warehouse by performing control checks such as verifying the counts of members and claims to ensure all members in the PsychConsult® and claims in the MC400 are loaded to the reporting data warehouse.

## PROMISE Submission and Reconciliation Process

On a monthly basis, CCBH creates the PROMISE submission extracts using an application interface on IBM WebSphere Transformation Extender (WTX). When a submission file is created, the data is saved in a history file to track the progress of the encounter. A status flag is assigned to each submitted encounter. When the PROMISE response file is received the responses are matched to CCBH's submitted data and the status flag is updated accordingly.

Prior to PROMISE submission, revenue, procedure and modifier are cross walked to a code based on the Behavioral Health Services Reporting Classification Chart (BHSRCC) grid in order to pass PROMISE validation. Provider ID is mapped to '888888888' for providers that are not enrolled in Pennsylvania's Medicaid program. CCBH derives the type of bill code prior to PROMISE submission using the following logic:

- Type of bill code submitted on the claim is used without any modification when the patient discharge status code is '30', indicating that the patient was not discharged and the claim frequency type code, which represents the third digit of the type of bill code is either '2' or '3'.
- Type of bill code is set to '113' when the patient discharge status code is '30', indicating that the patient was not discharged and the claim frequency type code is '3' or the type of bill submitted on the claim is missing.
- Type of bill code is set to the first two digits of the type of bill submitted on the claim with a claim frequency type code '1' when the patient discharge status code is not '30', indicating that the patient was discharged and the claim frequency type code is either '2' or '3' and the date of admission and date of service are the same.
- Type of bill code is set to the first two digits of the type of bill submitted on the claim with a claim frequency type code '4' when the patient discharge status is not '30', indicating that the patient was discharged and the claim frequency type code is either '2' or '3'.
- Type of bill is set to '111' when the type of bill on the claim is missing.

During the webinar and on CCBH'S ISCA response the MCO advised all MCO-paid claims are submitted to PROMISE. . CCBH submits to PROMISE the MCO-denied professional claims that are denied due to the following denial reason codes:

- CD- Primary Denied – service rendered required an authorization and none was obtained
- CJ - Primary Paid claim in full – There is no Community Care liability
- CL - Primary ins denied – out of network
- CN - Primary EOB does not match the date of service and/or charges on the claim submitted to Community Care
- CO - There is no patent liability indicated on the primary EOB
- CP - Other insurance primary. Please resubmit with paper EOP
- CQ - Primary ins denied due to medical necessity criteria not met
- CR - primary insurance guidelines not followed, appeal with primary carrier
- CS - EOP from primary carrier is illegible. Please resubmit
- CT - Please submit the secondary carriers explanation of benefits
- AA - Authorized units exceeded
- AC - No authorization found for service rendered.
- TK - Timely file review request denied – no payment approved

CCBH submits each professional service line to PROMISE as a new ICN and each institutional ICN is submitted to PROMISE as a new ICN with the service lines included on the detail level.

In order to modify or correct information on an encounter that has been submitted and accepted by PROMISE, CCBH submits a void record to PROMISE and then submits a new encounter representing the revised or corrected information.

CCBH monitors the U277 response files to make sure that all encounters submitted to PROMISE have received a status of accepted or denied. CCBH contacts OMHSAS if a status is not received for an encounter submitted to PROMISE. The

extraction of 837 and submission of encounter data to PROMISE is automated. The PA-rejected transactions that require manual data correction are reviewed.

CCBH reviews the PROMISE-rejected encounters for evaluation and correction. CCBH reviews the rejection reasons based on the PROMISE error codes received on the U277 files. CCBH reviews the error codes and evaluates the issues that need to be resolved for resubmission of the claim. If the error requires one or more data elements to be updated, the corresponding data elements in the encounter are updated and a program is run to extract the corrected records. The encounter is then extracted and resubmitted to PROMISE.

CCBH validates the member eligibility at the time of service and denies claims submitted for members that were not eligible at the time of service. CCBH does not extract claims denied due to member ineligibility at the time of service for PROMISE submission.

In its ISCA response, CCBH indicated that claims with a date of service in 2015 were submitted to PROMISE within 49 business days after claim adjudication by the BH-MCO (data not shown).

According to CCBH's ISCA response, for claims with a date of service in 2015, CCBH submitted the claims presented in Table 4 to PROMISE as of August 17, 2016.

**Table 4: Unique Encounters Submitted to PROMISE with 2015 Dates of Service**

Type of Claim	Number of Claims with 2015 Dates of Service as of 8/17/2016
Institutional	45,625
Professional	6,546,014
Total	6,591,639

CCBH indicated the status for the 6,591,639 claims that were submitted to PROMISE with date of service in 2015 (Table 5) as follows:

1. Accepted by PROMISE on first submission;
2. Denied by PROMISE on the first submission, and accepted on resubmission; and
3. Denied by PROMISE on the first submission, and not yet accepted.

**Table 5: Status of Claims Submitted to PROMISE with 2015 Dates of Service**

Type of Claim	Accepted		Denied, Accepted on Resubmission		Denied, Not Yet Accepted		Total
	#	% of Total <sup>1</sup>	#	% of Total <sup>1</sup>	#	% of Total <sup>1</sup>	
Institutional	45,509	100%	89	0%	21	0%	45,619
Professional	6,544,757	96%	237,330	3%	25,082	0%	6,807,169

<sup>1</sup> Percentages might not add up to 100% due to rounding.

A comparison of the PROMISE “denied, not yet accepted” encounters to the total encounters with date of service in 2015 submitted to PROMISE indicates a less than 1% PROMISE denial rate for institutional encounters and professional encounters (Table 5).

CCBH has identified that 39 institutional and 59,281 professional claims were denied by PROMISE or awaiting resubmission as of August 17, 2016 (Table 6).

**Table 6: Denied or Not Yet Accepted Claims as of August 17, 2016**

Claim Type	Denied or Not Yet Accepted Claims
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Institutional	39
Professional	59,281

CCBH indicated that the top three denial reason codes for encounters submitted and denied by PROMISe were as follows:

- 430 – Behavioral Specialist Consultant (BSC) provider procedure modifier autism restriction
- 256 - Procedure code vs age restriction
- 217 - Invalid combination for professional BH encounter

OMHSAS updates and distributes the BHSRCC grid to the BH-MCOs semi-annually. The chart assists the BH-MCOs with determining the appropriate coding of services for both financial and encounter data reporting for HealthChoices. The BHSRCC grid is intended to assist the BH-MCOs in establishing edits in their reporting processes. However, it is not in any way intended to limit or expand BH services in the HealthChoices Program. CCBH crosswalks procedure codes, modifier codes, revenue codes and type of bill codes prior to PROMISe submission.

CCBH submits the principle and up to nine secondary diagnosis codes to PROMISe for institutional encounters and up to three secondary diagnosis codes to PROMISe for professional encounters.

Even though CCBH is submitting secondary diagnosis codes to PROMISe, CCBH’s logic references the diagnosis code pointers and is altering, dropping and rearranging diagnosis codes from the 837 professional header record. For example, if the professional header record contained 12 diagnosis codes and there was only one service line with diagnosis codes 2, 3, 5 and 6 referenced on the diagnosis code pointer values, the remaining eight diagnosis codes are not submitted to PROMISe and the order of the header level diagnosis codes are reordered from the values submitted by the provider. Table 7 presents three examples of how limiting the diagnosis codes submitted to PROMISe based on the value of the diagnosis code pointer has an impact on the submission of diagnosis codes in the PROMISe encounter records.

**Table 7: Impact of Diagnosis Code Pointers on Submission of Diagnosis Codes to PROMISe**

Example# <sup>1</sup>	Diagnosis Code Pointers on Claim Service Line 1	Diagnosis Code Pointers on Claim Service Line 2	Total # of Diagnosis Codes Submitted to PROMISe	Diagnosis Codes Submitted to PROMISe
1	1,2,3,4	5,6,7,8	8	DX1, DX2, DX3, DX4, DX5, DX6, DX7, DX8
2	1,5,6,8	2,6,7,8	6	DX1, DX2, DX5, DX6, DX7, DX8
3	4,6,9		3	DX4, DX6, DX9

<sup>1</sup>Examples are based on a professional claim with 12 diagnosis codes on the header record.

Prior to the EDV webinar, IPRO compared the PROMISe ICNs included in the denominator and numerator of the 2016 FUH PM member-level data file to IPRO’s BH PROMISe accepted/paid institutional and professional DW tables.

IPRO selected two institutional PROMISe ICN records and two professional PROMISe ICN records with discrepancies to review on CCBH’s claim system for accuracy during the EDV webinar. The following data elements were reviewed during the EDV webinar on CCBH’s claim system: recipient ID, admission and discharge dates, dates of service, diagnosis codes, revenue codes, UB type of bill code, hospital/provider ID number, place of service (POS), patient discharge status codes and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes.

The following observations were noted during the EDV webinar review of the two inpatient and two professional records:

1. Revenue code: prior to the submission of institutional encounters to PROMISe, the revenue code received on the claim is mapped to a code on the BHSRCC grid.

2. POS code: prior to the submission of professional encounters to PROMISE, the POS code received on the claim is mapped to a code on the BHSRCC grid.
3. Type of bill code: prior to submission of institutional encounters to PROMISE, CCBH derives the type of bill and claim frequency type code, which represents the third digit in the type of bill code based on the patient discharge status code, type of bill code, date of admission and date of service.
4. Procedure code: prior to the submission of professional encounters to PROMISE, the procedure code is mapped to a code in the BHSRCC grid.
5. Provider ID: prior to the submission of professional encounters to PROMISE, the provider ID is mapped to '888888888' for providers that are not enrolled in Pennsylvania's Medicaid program.
6. Provider Type: prior to the submission of professional encounters to PROMISE, the provider type is mapped to '34' for providers that are not enrolled in Pennsylvania's Medicaid program.

## Findings

Based on the 2016 EDV activities, responses provided by the MCO on the ISCA and the EDV webinar review, IPRO found the following strengths, opportunities for improvement and corrective action requests.

### Strengths

- CCBH has spent considerable time and effort in educating its provider network about the HealthChoices benefits and billing requirements. This has translated into receiving approximately 90% of claims in an electronic format, which allows for timely and efficient adjudication as it eliminates errors in paper claims.
- CCBH verifies the member enrollment twice before adjudicating a claim. This process increases the accuracy of the claim adjudication.

### Opportunities for Improvement

- Consistent with the language contained in the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement(s), providers of behavioral health services are required to comply with all federal and state laws, specifically governing participation in the MA Program, etc. and CCBH is required to avoid the use of encounter data containing all "88888888's". CCBH must utilize the PRV414 file to determine if the provider is enrolled in Medicaid. If the provider is not enrolled in Medicaid then CCBH must work with the provider to enroll in Medicaid.

#### *CCBH Response:*

*CCBH makes every effort to not use "88888888"s as the provider identifier. For the encounter service dates in 2015, "88888888"s were used on 0.1% of the records.*

### Corrective Action Needed

- Currently, CCBH only submits up to ten institutional and four professional diagnosis codes to PROMISE. CCBH needs to provide a plan of action demonstrating CCBH's intent to submit all diagnosis codes received on the claim to PROMISE.
- CCBH utilizes the BHSRCC grid to map and assign the revenue, CPT and POS codes prior to submitting the encounter to PROMISE. CCBH indicated that the BHSRCC grid utilized by CCBH was outdated when compared to the most recent version of the BHSRCC grid available. CCBH needs to provide a plan of action demonstrating CCBH's intent to correct the issues with the BHSRCC grid and provide supporting documentation.

#### *CCBH Response:*

*CCBH incorporates the BHSRCC changes into the mapping table within 1-2 weeks of receiving the chart.*

- CCBH uses logic to drop diagnosis codes submitted to PROMISE on the 837 professional extract based on values of the diagnosis code pointers found on the service lines. The mapping and reordering of the diagnosis codes could lead to primary and/or secondary diagnosis codes being dropped from PROMISE submissions and not included for reporting purposes by OMHSAS. CCBH needs to provide a plan of action demonstrating the volume of encounters submitted to PROMISE with the diagnosis codes altered and impact of the logic, and provide a step-by-step plan to modify the PROMISE professional encounter submission logic.
- CCBH does not submit MCO denied institutional encounters to PROMISE. CCBH needs to provide OMHSAS with a plan of action on steps being taken to submit MCO denied Institutional encounters to PROMISE and the number of MCO denied Institutional encounters that have not been submitted to PROMISE for dates of service in 2016 and 2017 (to date). During the 2017 BH PM validation process, CCBH provided a response for the records missing a PROMISE ICN for the denominator or numerator. IPRO inquired about 948 institutional and 174 professional records that did not contain the PROMISE ICN. CCBH indicated that the claims were denied by CCBH and not submitted to PROMISE. Currently, CCBH does not submit MCO-denied institutional encounters to PROMISE. CCBH advised that the MCO is in the process of determining a process for submitting MCO-denied institutional encounters to PROMISE.

**Appendix A: Information Systems Capabilities Assessment (ISCA)**



**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Human Services  
Office of Mental Health and Substance  
Abuse Services**

**2016  
Information Systems Capabilities Assessment  
For  
Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations**

**07/21/2016**

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# INTRODUCTION

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## PURPOSE OF THE ASSESSMENT

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) has partnered with its External Quality Review Organization; the Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO) to conduct a second Behavioral Health (BH) Managed Care Organization (MCO) system and process review. One component of this effort is for OMHSAS and IPRO to survey the BHHC HealthChoices (BHHC) (i.e., Medicaid managed behavioral health care) BH-MCOs Information Systems (IS).

Encounter data validation is an ongoing process, involving the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), the State encounter data unit and the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO). It includes both a baseline evaluation and ongoing monitoring of submission patterns. The purpose of this monitoring is to identify, resolve and follow-up on issues that arose in the 2013 BH-MCO onsite, identified since the 2013 BH-MCO onsite or during the 2014 and 2015 BH Performance Measure (PM) validation.

Knowledge of the capabilities of a BH-MCO's information system is essential to effectively and efficiently:

- § Validate BH-MCO encounter data,
- § Calculate or validate BH-MCO Performance Measures (PM), and
- § Assess a BH-MCO's capacity to manage the health care of its enrollees
- § Review the BH-MCOs PROMISe encounter data process

The purpose of this assessment is to specify the desired capabilities of the BH-MCO's information system, and to pose standard questions to be used to assess the strength of a BH-MCO with respect to these capabilities. This will assist an External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) to assess the extent to which a BH-MCO's information system is capable of producing valid encounter data, performance measures, tracking PROMISe encounter data submissions and other data necessary to support quality assessment and improvement, as well as managing the care delivered to its enrollees.

This assessment is divided into five sections

- I. General Information
- II. Enrollment Systems
- III. Claim Systems
- IV. Reporting
- V. PROMISe Submissions

Please complete the assessment below and return to IPRO by **08/26/2016**. Please include any relevant attachments requested in the assessment. The completed assessment should be posted to IPRO's FTP site under the ED\ISCA\ sub-folder. Please send an email to Mary Dramitinos ([mdramitinos@ipro.org](mailto:mdramitinos@ipro.org)) advising the completed assessment has been posted.

This assessment will be followed by a conference call or a one-day onsite visit. A conference call will consist of further questions and review of processes. An onsite visit will consist of a detailed review of the following:

- § Completed Information Systems Capabilities Assessment
- § Enrollment systems
- § Claims systems
- § BH-MCOs PROMISe encounter data submission process

If you have any questions regarding this assessment, please contact Mary Dramitinos ([mdramitinos@ipro.org](mailto:mdramitinos@ipro.org))

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

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Please provide the following general information:

### 1. Contact Information

Please enter the identification information for the primary contact for this assessment.

<b>BH-MCO Name:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>Contact Name and Title:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>Mailing address:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>Phone number:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>Fax number:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>E-mail address:</b>	Click here to enter text.

### 2. Managed Care Model Type (Please check one, or specify other.)

MCO-staff model     MCO-group model     MCO-IPA model     MCO-mixed model

Other - specify: Click here to enter text.

### 3. Number of years with BHHC membership in Pennsylvania (PA): Click here to enter text.

4. Average monthly BHHC enrollment for the last three years.

<b>BHHC Enrollment</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>January</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>February</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
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<b>December</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

5. List the PA BH-Counties where your BH-MCO provided BHHC enrollment in 2015:

<b>BH-MCO County Name</b>	<b>BH-MCO County Name</b>
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6. Average monthly BHHC enrollment by PA BH-Counties in 2015:

<b>BH-MCO County Name</b>	<b>Average Monthly BHHC Enrollment</b>
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7. What is the name of the enrollment or eligibility system: Click here to enter text.

8. What is the name of the claim processing system: Click here to enter text.

## II. ENROLLMENT SYSTEMS

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### Enrollment File Loads and Eligibility System(s)

1. For each enrollment file provided by OMHSAS that your BH-MCO uses to populate your eligibility system, provide the file name, how often the file is received, the contents of the file (adds, changes and or deletes), and also describe how the file is used to populate the enrollment system.

<b>Filename:</b> Click here to enter text.	<b>Frequency of receipt (daily, weekly, monthly):</b> Click here to enter text.	<b>Indicate whether file contains: Adds (A), Changes(C), Deletes (D):</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>Describe how this file is used to populate eligibility system:</b> Click here to enter text.		

<b>Filename:</b> Click here to enter text.	<b>Frequency of receipt (daily, weekly, monthly):</b> Click here to enter text.	<b>Indicate whether file contains: Adds (A), Changes(C), Deletes (D):</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>Describe how this file is used to populate eligibility system:</b> Click here to enter text.		

<b>Filename:</b> Click here to enter text.	<b>Frequency of receipt (daily, weekly, monthly):</b> Click here to enter text.	<b>Indicate whether file contains: Adds (A), Changes(C), Deletes (D):</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>Describe how this file is used to populate eligibility system:</b> Click here to enter text.		

<b>Filename:</b> Click here to enter text.	<b>Frequency of receipt (daily, weekly, monthly):</b> Click here to enter text.	<b>Indicate whether file contains: Adds (A), Changes(C), Deletes (D):</b> Click here to enter text.
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<b>Describe how this file is used to populate eligibility system:</b> Click here to enter text.		

<b>Filename:</b> Click here to	<b>Frequency of receipt (daily, weekly,</b>	<b>Indicate whether file</b>
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enter text.	<b>monthly):</b> Click here to enter text.	<b>contains: Adds (A), Changes(C), Deletes (D):</b> Click here to enter text.
<b>Describe how this file is used to populate eligibility system:</b> Click here to enter text.		

2. Please describe the process that your BH-MCO uses to populate your enrollment system from the files listed above. Attach any applicable process diagrams, flowcharts, etc.  
 Click here to enter text.

3. Please describe how BHHC eligibility is updated, how frequently and who has “change” authority.  
 Click here to enter text.

4. What software/programming language is used to load the enrollment file(s) into your eligibility system?  
 Click here to enter text.

5. Does the program provide reports of records unable to be loaded?     YES                       NO

7. If yes, please describe the process used to determine how these records are handled. (Include attachments if necessary)  
 Click here to enter text.

8. Describe the controls used to assure all BHHC enrollment data entered into the system is fully accounted for. (Include report examples, process flowcharts, etc. as necessary)  
 Click here to enter text.

9. What is the process for version control when the enrollment loading program code is revised?  
 Click here to enter text.

10. How does your BH-MCO uniquely identify enrollees?  
 Click here to enter text.

11. How does your BH-MCO handle enrollee disenrollment and re-enrollment in the BHHC product line?  
 Does the member retain the same ID?  
 Click here to enter text.

12. Can your eligibility system track enrollees who switch from one product line (e.g., HealthChoices Behavioral Health, commercial plan, Medicare, FFS?) to another?     Yes                       No

13. Can your eligibility system track enrollees who switch from one BH-County to another?  
 Yes                       No

14. Can your BH-MCO track an enrollee's initial enrollment date with your BH-MCO or is a new enrollment date assigned when a member enrolls in a new product line?  
[Click here to enter text.](#)
15. Can your BH-MCO track previous claim/encounter data or are you unable to link previous claim/encounter data across product lines?  
[Click here to enter text.](#)
16. Under what circumstances, if any, can a BHHC member exist under more than one identification number within your BH-MCO's information management systems? Under what circumstances, if any, can a member's identification number change?  
[Click here to enter text.](#)
17. How does your BH-MCO enroll and track newborns born to an existing BHHC enrollee?  
[Click here to enter text.](#)
18. When a member is enrolled in HealthChoices Behavioral Health, does the enrollment always start on the same date (i.e. the first day of the month)? Describe any situations where a member would not be enrolled on that date.  
[Click here to enter text.](#)
19. When a member is disenrolled in HealthChoices Behavioral Health, does the enrollment always end on the same date (i.e. the last day of the month)? Describe any situations where a member would be disenrolled on another date.  
[Click here to enter text.](#)
20. How is your BH-MCO notified of a death or termination? Please describe.  
[Click here to enter text.](#)
21. How is your BH-MCO notified of a newborn? Please describe.  
[Click here to enter text.](#)
22. Please describe how your BH-MCO provides eligibility information to your providers?  
[Click here to enter text.](#)

### **Enrollment Reporting System**

23. What data base management system(s) (DBMS) do/does your BH-MCO use to BHHC enrollment data for reporting purposes? Are all members stored in the BH-MCO's membership system available for reporting purposes?  
[Click here to enter text.](#)
24. How would you characterize this/these DBMSs?

- |                 |                          |                |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| A. Relational   | <input type="checkbox"/> | E. Network     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Hierarchical | <input type="checkbox"/> | F. Flat File   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Indexed      | <input type="checkbox"/> | G. Proprietary | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. Other        | <input type="checkbox"/> | H. Don't Know  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

25. Describe the process that is used to populate your reporting DBMS(s). Include process flowcharts as needed

[Click here to enter text.](#)

26. What software/programming language is used to load the enrollment files into your reporting system?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

27. Describe the controls used to assure all BHHC enrollment data entered into the reporting system is fully accounted for. (Include report examples, process flowcharts, etc. as necessary)

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28. What is the process for version control when the enrollment loading program code is revised?

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29. How frequently is your enrollment DBMS(s) updated?

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30. Are members with dual BHHC and Medicare eligibility able to be identified in your enrollment reporting system? If so, describe how they are identified and the process used to ensure the correct members are identified.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

31. How does your BH-MCO identify and count BHHC member months? BHHC member years?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

32. How does your BH-MCO identify BHHC member disabilities? Programs Status Codes? Assistance Categories? Please describe how changes are tracked.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

33. Please indicate which Race and Ethnicity values your BH-MCO stores:

<b>Race</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
01-African American	Choose an item.	01-Non-Hispanic	Choose an item.
02-Hispanic	Choose an item.	02-Hispanic	Choose an item.
03-America Indian or Alaskan Native	Choose an item.	03-Missing or Not Available	Choose an item.
04-Asian	Choose an item.		
05-White	Choose an item.		
06-Other or Not Volunteered	Choose an item.		
07-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Choose an item.		

**Section Contact:** Who is responsible for completing this section:

<b>Contact Name and Title:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>Mailing address:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>Phone number:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>Fax number:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>E-mail address:</b>	Click here to enter text.

### III. CLAIMS SYSTEMS

#### Claims Types and Volume

1. Does your BH-MCO use standard claims or encounter forms for the following? If yes, please specify (e.g., CMS1500, UB 92)

Data Source	Yes/No	If yes, please specify
Institutional	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.
Professional	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.
Other	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.

2. Please document whether the following data elements (data fields) are required by your BH-MCO for providers, for each of the types of BHHC claims/encounters identified below. If required, check in the appropriate box.

#### Claims/Encounter Types

Data Elements	Institutional	Professional	Other
Patient Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patient DOB/Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICD-9-CM Diagnosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICD-10-CM Diagnosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICD-9-CM Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICD-10-CM Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CPT/HCPCS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DRG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Date of Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Last Date of Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revenue Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provider Specialty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. How many diagnoses codes are captured on each claim? Note: ICD-9 should refer only to claims with a date of service prior to October 1, 2015.

	<b>ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes</b>	<b>ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes</b>
<b>Institutional Data</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Professional Data</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

4. Can your BH-MCO distinguish between principal and secondary diagnoses?  Yes  No

5. If “Yes” to 4, above, how does the BH-MCO distinguish between principal and secondary diagnoses?  
Click here to enter text.

6. For claims with dates of service in 2015, enter the volume of claims received by claim type.

	<b>Claims Paid</b>	<b>Claims Denied</b>
<b>Institutional</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Professional</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Other</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

7. For claims with dates of service in 2015, identify the number of ICD-9 and ICD-10 secondary diagnosis codes received.

	<b># of Secondary ICD-9 Diagnosis Codes</b>	<b># of Secondary ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes</b>
<b>Institutional</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Professional</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

8. Please describe how your BH-MCO validates provider claims data?  
Click here to enter text.

9. Please provide any documented process, frequency, and criteria for review (ex. Annual=standardized review, Adhoc =monitoring triggers), selection criteria (random, rotational, etc) for the validation of the provider on the claim.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

10. Please identify how provider validation findings are shared and issues addressed.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**Claims Processing**

11. Please provide a process document / flowchart that describes the claim adjudication process from the time a claim is received, to the time a claim is loaded into the reporting DBMS(s). Include the descriptions and purpose of each system.

12. Please explain what happens if a BHHC claim/encounter is submitted and one or more required fields are missing, incomplete or invalid. For example, if diagnosis is not coded, is the claims examiner required by the system to use an on-line software product like AutoCoder to determine the correct ICD-9 or ICD-10 diagnosis code?

Institutional Data:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Professional Data:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

13. What steps do your BH-MCO take to verify the accuracy of submitted information (e.g., procedure code- diagnosis edits, gender-diagnosis edits, gender-procedure code edits)?

Institutional Data:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Professional Data:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

14. Under what circumstances can claims processors change BHHC claims/encounter information?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

15. How are BHHC claims/encounters received?

<b>Source</b>	<b>Received Directly from Provider</b>	<b>Submitted through an Intermediary</b>
<b>Institutional</b>	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
<b>Professional</b>	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
<b>Other</b>	Choose an item.	Choose an item.

16. If the data are received through an intermediary, what changes, if any, are made to the data.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

17. Please identify the BHHC claims/encounters that are coded using the following coding schemes: Check off each coding scheme that applies. Note: ICD-9 should refer only to claims with a date of service prior to October 1, 2015.

<b>Coding Scheme</b>	<b>Inpatient Diagnosis</b>	<b>Inpatient Procedure</b>	<b>Outpatient Diagnosis</b>	<b>Outpatient Procedure</b>
<b>ICD-9-CM Diagnosis</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ICD-10-CM Diagnosis</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ICD-9-CM Procedure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ICD-10-CM Procedure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CPT-4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>HCPCS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>DSM-IV</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>MS-DRG</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>APR-DRG</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Revenue</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Internally Developed</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other (specify)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Not required</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Identify all information systems through which service and utilization data for the BHHC population is processed.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

19. Please describe any major systems changes/updates that have taken place in the last three years in your BHHC claims or encounter system (*be sure to provide specific dates on which changes were implemented*).

- New system purchased and installed to replace old system.
- New system purchased and installed to replace most of old system; old system still used.
- Major enhancements to old system (what kinds of enhancements?).
- New product line adjudicated on old system.
- Conversion of a product line from one system to another.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

20. In your opinion, have any of these changes influenced, even temporarily, the quality and/or completeness of the BHHC data that are collected? If so, how and when?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

21. What is your BH-MCO's policy regarding BHHC claim/encounter audits? Are BHHC encounters audited regularly? Randomly? What are the standards regarding timeliness of processing?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

22. Please provide detail on claim system edits that are targeted to field content and consistency. Are diagnostic and procedure codes edited for validity?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

23. Describe the BHHC claims/encounter suspend ("pend") process including timeliness of reconciling pended services.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

24. Describe how BHHC claims are suspended/pended for medical review, for non-approval due to missing authorization code(s) or for other reasons. What triggers a processor to follow up on "pended" claims? How frequent are these triggers?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

25. If any BHHC services/providers are capitated, have you performed studies on the completeness of the information collected on capitated services? If yes, what were the results?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

26. Beginning with receipt of a BHHC claim in-house, describe the claim handling, logging, and processes that precede adjudication. When are BHHC claims assigned a document control number and logged or scanned into the system? When are BHHC claims microfilmed? If there is a delay in microfilming, how do processors access a claim that is logged into the system, but is not yet filmed?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

27. Discuss which decisions in processing a BHHC claim/encounter are automated, which are prompted by automated messages appearing on the screen, and which are manual. Document the opportunities a processor has for overriding the system manually. Is there a report documenting overrides or "exceptions" generated on each processor and reviewed by the claim supervisor? If so, please attach a recent copy of the report

[Click here to enter text.](#)

28. Are there any outside parties or contractors used to complete adjudication, including but not limited to:

- Bill auditors (hospital claims, claims over a certain dollar amount)

Choose an item.

- Peer or medical reviewers  
Choose an item.
- Sources for additional charge data (usual & customary)  
Choose an item.

How is this data incorporated into your BH-MCO's encounter data?

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29. Describe the system's editing capabilities that assure that BHHC claims are correctly adjudicated. Provide a list of the specific edits that are performed on claims as they are adjudicated, and note: 1) whether the edits are performed pre or post-payment, and 2) which are manual and which are automated functions.

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30. Discuss the routine and non-routine (ad hoc or special) audits that are performed on claims/encounters to assure the quality and accuracy and timeliness of processing. Note which audits are performed per processor, which rely on targeted samples and which use random sampling techniques. What is the total percentage of claims on-hand that are audited through these QA processes? How frequently?

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31. Describe all performance monitoring standards for BHHC claims/encounters processing and recent actual performance results.

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32. If applicable, describe your BH-MCO's process(es) used for claim adjudication when there is a physical health component to the service.

- A claim is received for a behavioral health professional service performed during a physical health inpatient stay.  
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- A member is transferred to a physical health facility from a behavioral health facility.  
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- An outpatient claim is received from a physical health provider (i.e. a PCP) with a behavioral health primary diagnosis.  
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### **Claims Reporting System**

33. What data base management system(s) (DBMS) do/does your organization use to store BHHC encounter data for reporting purposes?

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34. How would you characterize this/these DBMSs?

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|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| A. Relational   | <input type="checkbox"/> | E. Network     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Hierarchical | <input type="checkbox"/> | F. Flat File   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Indexed      | <input type="checkbox"/> | G. Proprietary | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. Other        | <input type="checkbox"/> | H. Don't Know  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

35. Describe the process that is used to populate your reporting DBMS(s)

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36. What software/programming language is used to load the enrollment files into your BH-MCO's reporting system?

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37. Describe the controls used to assure all BHHC encounter data entered into the reporting system is fully accounted for. (Include report examples, process flowcharts, etc. as necessary)

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38. What is the process for version control when the encounter data loading program code is revised?

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39. How many years of BHHC data are retained on-line? How is historical BHHC data accessed when needed?

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40. How complete are the BHHC data three months after the close of the reporting period? How is completeness estimated? How is completeness defined? Please attach copies of 2015 institutional and professional lag triangles with completeness percentages.

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41. Please describe your BH-MCOs policy and/or contract with providers reflects the completeness of data based on above question 40.

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## IV. REPORTING

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1. Please attach a flowchart outlining the structure of your DBMS(s), indicating data integration (i.e., claims files, encounter files, etc.).
  
2. In consolidating data for BHHC performance measurement (PM), how are the data sets for each measure collected:
  - By querying the processing system online?
  - By using extract files created for analytical purposes? If so, how frequently are the files updated? How do they account for claim and encounter submission and processing lags? How is the file creation process checked for accuracy?
  - By using a separate relational database or data warehouse (i.e., a performance measure repository)? If so, is this the same system from which all other reporting is produced?

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3. Describe the procedure for consolidating BHHC claims/encounter, member, and provider data for PM reporting (whether it is into a relational database or file extracts on a measure-by-measure basis).

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4. How many different sources of data are merged together to create the PM data files?

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5. What control processes are in place to ensure data merges are accurate and complete?

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6. What control processes are in place to ensure that no extraneous data are captured (e.g., lack of specificity in patient identifiers may lead to inclusion of non-eligible members or to double counting)?

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7. What programming language(s) do your programmers use to create BHHC data extracts or analytic reports? How many programmers are trained and capable of modifying these programs?

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8. Describe the process used to validate and test reporting code prior to deployment. Include any process flowcharts, test plans, etc.

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9. Do you rely on any quantitative measures of programmer performance? If so, what method(s) do you use to measure the effectiveness of the programmer?

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10. Approximately what percentage of your BH-MCO's programming work is outsourced?  
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11. If any programming work is outsourced, describe the oversight/validation process of the programs produced by the vendor(s).  
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12. Outline the steps of the maintenance cycle for the mandated BHHC performance measure reporting requirement(s). Include any tasks related to documentation, debugging, roll out, training, etc.  
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13. Please describe your BHHC report production logs and run controls. Please describe your BHHC PM data file generation process.  
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14. How are BHHC report generation programs documented? Is there a type of version control in place?  
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15. How does your BH-MCO test the process used to create BHHC PM data files?  
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16. Are BHHC PM reporting programs reviewed by supervisory staff?  
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17. Does your BH-MCO have internal back-ups for PM programmers (i.e., do others know the programming language and the structure of the actual programs)? Is there documentation?  
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18. How are revisions to BHHC claims, encounters, membership, and provider data systems managed in the DBMS(s)?  
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19. What is the process for version control when PM code is revised?  
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20. What provider data elements is your BH-MCO able to report on? (NPI, licensure, specialty, MPI, provider type, etc.)  
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21. Is claim/encounter data linked for Medicare/BHHC dual eligibles so that all encounter data can be identified for the purposes of PM reporting?

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22. How is BHHC continuous enrollment being defined? In particular, does your BH-MCO system have any limitations that preclude you from fully implementing continuous enrollment requirements exactly as specified in the State performance measure requirements?

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23. How do you handle breaks in BHHC enrollment--e.g. situations where a BHHC enrollee is disenrolled

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24. Please identify which data elements are captured in your DBMS and are available for reporting:

Note: ICD-9 should refer only to claims with a date of service prior to October 1, 2015.

Data Element	Yes/No
Recipient ID	Choose an item.
Servicing Provider NPI	Choose an item.
Servicing Provider Specialty	Choose an item.
Servicing Provider Type	Choose an item.
Facility Type	Choose an item.
UB 92 Type of Bill	Choose an item.
APR DRG	Choose an item.
MS DRG	Choose an item.
Admitting Diagnosis	Choose an item.
Primary ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Code	Choose an item.
Primary ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Choose an item.
Secondary ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Code	Choose an item.
Secondary ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Choose an item.
ICD-9-CM Procedure Code	Choose an item.
ICD-10-CM Procedure Code	Choose an item.
CPT4 Code	Choose an item.
CPT II Codes	Choose an item.

Data Element	Yes/No
<b>HCPCS</b>	Choose an item.
<b>LOINC codes</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Revenue Codes</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Billed Amount</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Date of Service</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Date of Admission</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Date of Discharge</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Patient Status Code</b>	Choose an item.
<b>MPI</b>	Choose an item.

25. Does your BH-MCO download the PH/BH Service History files on a weekly basis as they are posted/made available (please advise by file type):

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 Medical [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Pharmacy [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Revenue Code [Click here to enter text.](#)

26. Please indicate by file type, whether your BH-MCO stores the PH/BH Service History files. Describe whether the data is loaded to your reporting system or data repository.

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 Medical [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Pharmacy [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Revenue Code [Click here to enter text.](#)

27. If applicable, please indicate if any logic applied to the PH/BH Service History file data. Please describe logic. (i.e. handling of FFS, or adjustments or voids, or scrubbing).

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 Medical [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Pharmacy [Click here to enter text.](#)  
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28. Please advise if the PH/BH Service History data is included or integrated in your reporting system. Specify by file type whether the PH data is incorporated in your BH-MCO's development of the BH Performance Measure data files. Describe the reports the PH/BH Service History file data is included.

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 Medical [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Pharmacy [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Revenue Code [Click here to enter text.](#)

29. Please advise by file type, the earliest and latest date of service you have stored (Revenue Code file not included since there is no date of service on the file):

Inpatient [Click here to enter text.](#)

Medical [Click here to enter text.](#)

Pharmacy [Click here to enter text.](#)

30. Please advise by file type the volume of PH/BH Service History file data received and available for reporting and analysis by your BH-MCO:

Inpatient [Click here to enter text.](#)

Medical [Click here to enter text.](#)

Pharmacy [Click here to enter text.](#)

Revenue Code [Click here to enter text.](#)

31. Please advise the capability of the current system to capture and report Treatment Episode Date.

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32. Please advise whether the functionality being used for capturing the Treatment Episode Date.

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33. If there is currently no functionality being used for capturing the Treatment Episode Date, is there a plan to utilize it in the future. Please describe.

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## V. PROMISE SUBMISSION

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### Encounter Data Submission

1. Using claims with dates of service in 2014 and 2015, how many unique encounters were submitted to the PROMISE system

	2015	2014
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<b>Professional</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Other</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Total</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

2. Of the 2014 and 2015 encounters submitted above, how many were (are)
1. Accepted by PROMISE on first submission.
  2. Denied by PROMISE on the first submission, but accepted on a resubmission.
  3. Denied by PROMISE on the first submission, and have not been accepted.

2015	Initially accepted	Denied, accepted on resubmission	Denied, not yet accepted	Total
<b>Institutional</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Professional</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Other</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

2014	Initially accepted	Denied, accepted on resubmission	Denied, not yet accepted.	Total
<b>Institutional</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Professional</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
<b>Other</b>	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

3. If you indicated any volumes for the Other category in 1 or 2, please describe the type of encounters in this category:  
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4. When an encounter is submitted to PROMISE, please describe the process of tracking the encounter and identifying it as a successful submission. Attach any work flows, process diagrams, etc.  
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5. Explain in detail the process for reconciling the encounter data submitted to PROMISE.  
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6. Does the encounter data extract process for PROMISE submission include a check against member eligibility at the time of service, regardless of claim payment status? If so, at what point in the extract process does this validation occur? How are encounters handled for members who were ineligible at the time of service?  
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7. OMHSAS has instructed the BH-MCOs that certain encounters should not be submitted to PROMISE. Please list categories of encounters that are currently excluded by your PROMISE submission process.  
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8. What is the reconciliation process for ensuring that all eligible BH-MCO processed claims are extracted and submitted to PROMISE? Are there any encounters, other than those in the categories listed in above question 7 that are not included in the PROMISE extract? If yes, please explain.  
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9. Has your reconciliation process identified any types of encounters that pose challenges during the extraction process? If yes, please explain.  
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10. Does your BH-MCO do any mapping or reformatting of any specific data elements prior to submitting the encounter data to PROMISE? If yes, please explain.  
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11. Identify what PROMISE submission and reconciliation processes are fully automated and what processes are manual.  
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12. Identify the number of secondary diagnosis codes submitted to PROMISE for Professional encounters:  
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13. Identify the number of secondary diagnosis codes submitted to PROMISE for Institutional encounters:  
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14. Explain the reason a principal or secondary diagnosis code may not be submitted to PROMISE.  
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## **Denial and Resubmission Processes**

15. In 2015, what was the average number of business days between the adjudication of a claim, and the initial submission to PROMISE  
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16. When an encounter is denied by PROMISE, describe the process used to determine the reason for denial, and attempt a resubmission. Attach any work flows, process diagrams, etc.  
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17. Describe the structure of the staff responsible for resubmission of encounters denied by PROMISE. Is there a dedicated department, or is the work assigned to different departments based on the denial reason.  
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18. In 2015, of the encounters that were initially denied by PROMISE, what was the average number of business days between the initial denial and the date the encounters was accepted by PROMISE?  
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19. How does your BH-MCO track encounters that are denied by PROMISE? Are there standard reports that identify outstanding encounters? If so, Please attach an example of a report.  
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20. Are there instances where encounters would be denied by PROMISE, and never be resubmitted? If so, please describe when this would occur.  
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21. Are enrollment or encounter data systems ever modified as a result of a PROMISE denial? If so, please describe what processes are used to ensure that the modifications to the systems are correct.  
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22. Can the BH-MCO identify how many encounters are currently denied by PROMISE and are awaiting resubmission? If yes, please provide volume and the as of date.

<b>Encounter Type</b>	<b>Number of Denied Encounters</b>	<b>As of Date</b>
<b>Institutional</b>	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
<b>Professional</b>	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>

23. What has the BH-MCO done or is planning to do to reduce the number of denied PROMISE encounters?  
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## REQUESTED MATERIAL

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Section	Question Number	Attachment
Enrollment Systems	2	Applicable process diagrams, flowcharts, etc that describe the process that the BH-MCO uses to populate your enrollment system from the files received.
Enrollment Systems	7	Enrollment loading error process reports
Enrollment Systems	8	Enrollment loading completeness reports that ensure the system is fully accounted for.
Enrollment Systems	25	Enrollment reporting system load process
Enrollment Systems	27	Enrollment reporting system completeness reports
Claims Systems	9	Claim provider validation process documentation
Claims Systems	11	Process document/flowchart that describes the claim adjudication process from the time a claim is received, to the time a claim is loaded into the reporting DBMS(s).
Claims Systems	29	Regarding the system's editing capabilities that assure the BHHC claims are correctly adjudicated. Include a list of the specific edits that are performed on claims as they are adjudicated.
Claims Systems	37	Include report examples, and process flowcharts that describe the controls used to assure all BHHC encounter data entered into the reporting system is fully accounted for.
Claims Systems	40	2015 Physician and institutional lag and completeness triangles.
Reporting	1	Flowchart outlining the structure of the DBSM(s), indicating data integration (i.e. claim files, encounter files, etc.)
PROMISe Submissions	4	Workflow, process diagrams describing the PROMISe encounter data submission process
PROMISe Submissions	16	Workflow and process diagrams describing the process used to determine the reason for PROMISe denial, and attempt for a resubmission to PROMISe.
PROMISe Submissions	19	Report of how the BH-MCO tracks encounters that are denied by PROMISe including the outstanding claims report yet to be submitted to PROMISe