



## Prop. 1 – Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) was passed by California voters in 2004 and funded by a 1% income tax on personal income over \$1 million per year. MHSA has provided a dedicated source of funding to expand, improve and transform California's behavioral health system.

**In 2024, voters passed Proposition 1, which reforms MHSA funding allocations** and introduces several important changes for counties:

### **Assembly Bill 531 Obligation Bond – \$6.38 billion**

- CA Department of Health Care Services: Bond BHCIP for residential facilities supporting treatment
- CA Department of Housing and Community Development: Homekey + for permanent supportive housing\*

### **Senate Bill 326 Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)**

- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Reform
- Statewide Accountability & Transparency
- Community Program Planning + Three-Year Integrated Plan
- System Changes Across the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care

*\*San Mateo County Dept. of Housing is the lead for permanent supportive housing (PSH) developments and collaborate with BHRS for the supportive services provided to all clients in PSH.*

### Key Priorities for Prop. 1 – BHSA

- A focus on the most vulnerable individuals living with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders and are at risk of homelessness, unhoused, and/or justice involved.
- Increasing access to permanent supportive housing and residential treatment settings.
- Increasing access to substance use disorder treatment and co-occurring capacity.
- Creating transparency in behavioral health planning, fiscal expenditures, and client outcomes.
- Maximizing Medi-Cal billing across all eligible services.



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## New Three-Year Integrated Plan

BHSA requires counties to develop a Three-Year Integrated Plan (IP) that outlines all local behavioral health funding over a three-year period, ensuring a coordinated and integrated system of care.

- ✓ Covers all programs and funding sources within a county's behavioral health division and across the behavioral health continuum of care.
- ✓ Requires use of local data to identify unmet needs and contributes to county level and statewide efforts to improve behavioral health outcomes.
- ✓ Strategies to address unmet needs are developed through a community planning process, engaging clients, family members, community partners and cross-sector agencies.

## New Funding Allocations

BHSA significantly shifts how the millionaire's tax funding is allocated for behavioral health services.

