



DMHAS Information from Quarterly Provider Meeting September 17, 2026

Today's PowerPoint and Flyers will be posted here:

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Substance Use Disorder Project (SUDP) - Legal Services of New Jersey

Rob Dennerlein, Assistant Chief Counsel, Legal Services of New Jersey
Alayna Berg, LSW, Director of Outreach, Legal Services of New Jersey

[LSNJ - SUD Brochure](#)

[LSNJ - Hotline Postcard](#)

Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Update

Shanique McGowan Power, LCSW, Behavioral Health Program Manager, NJ Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

The links to the upcoming meetings for NJ FamilyCare BH Integration Phase 2 can be found below.

Upcoming events:

- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) focus group #2 (9/25)
 - Registration link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/12udlliqSuubqUaga2XmQw>
- All-Stakeholder Information Session (9/30)
 - Registration link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/UY2zAJ37Qcalvx5Yv-mRsw>
- State-led monthly provider trainings:
 - Claims and Billing (10/2) - <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/QnZTKtCtR5aq3E-i5q30Gw>

MATTERS Rapid Referral Program

Kerry Griffin, MPA, CPS, Deputy Director, Substance Use Services, Division of Syndemic and Substance Use Services, New Jersey Department of Health

Jenny Gerace, MATTERS Southern NJ Outreach Coordinator, Division of Disaster Preparedness, Resiliency and Emergency Medical Services, NJ DOH

Dr. Ryan Schmidt, MD, Medical Director for Cooper's Division of Addiction Medicine (Center for Healing), Cooper University Health Care

[NJ MATTERS - flyer](#)

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[MATTERS - Telemed flyer](#)

[MATTERS HRVM flyer](#)

[MATTERS HRVM Partner flyer](#)

DMHAS Updates:

David Helfand, DMHAS Assistant Commissioner

- 1) The annual Opioid Summit will be held on September 23rd.
- 2) DMHAS and DOH continue to collaborate to implement and provide information on the Integrated rule. A copy of the Power Point presentation that was provided at the June quarterly providers meeting is included on the DMHAS website. The integrated rule looks to simply service provision and licensure for providers under NJAC 8:43K and NJAC 10:36 to better integrate mental health and Substance Use Disorder treatment along with physical health. DOH and DMHAS have been responding to questions that can be submitted via the DOH email address and have provided presentations to various stakeholder groups.
[PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- 3) Mental Health Fee for Service update.
- 4) New Jersey Rural Health Transformation: New Website and Year Two Plans
The New Jersey Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is entering an important new phase; a new website is now live [here](#).

Explore the new NJ Rural Health Transformation website

The newly launched New Jersey Rural Health Transformation website (<https://nj.gov/rural-health-transformation/>) provides a central resource for communities, health care providers, partners, and others interested in the program.

Visitors can:

- **Define rural** - Learn what qualifies as rural in New Jersey and who is eligible for the program.
 - **Explore NJRHTP initiatives** - Learn more about the investments and activities supporting rural health transformation.
 - **Check program status** - Follow the program's progress as it moves through its five-year funding period.
 - **Find answers** - Explore frequently asked questions about the program.
 - **Connect with the team** - Find contact information and ways to get in touch.
- 5) September 8th was 988 Day. The Governor's residence and the state house was lit up in purple lights in honor of the day.
 - 6) DHS press release on CRSCs was described.

QPM Dates in 2026
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