



Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc.

PROVIDER ALERT

Date: June 30, 2023

To: Behavioral Health Recovery Program (BHRP) Requestors

Subject: Updates to Program Maximums for Basic Needs

Effective July 1, 2023, Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc. (ABH®), in coordination with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), will be modifying the service maximums for the BHRP-Basic Needs Program as outlined below **through June 30, 2024**, subject to the availability of funds. Current program maximums and service descriptions are posted at https://www.abhct.com/Programs_Services/BHRP/Forms_and_Resources/ If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Center at 1-800-658-4472.

All service changes adopted in FY23 will continue. This includes increased Basic Need gift card value (\$100), 2 months of Independent Housing assistance, Transportation supports, ID reimbursements, and Food.

Security Deposit: The maximum dollar amount approved will increase to the equivalent of two months' rent, capped at 2021 HUD maximum rates. This will remain a once-in-a-lifetime benefit as security deposits should be returned to tenants pursuant to the terms of the lease. No additional application documentation will be required. Payment will continue to be issued directly to the landlord at the address provided on the W-9.

Training/Education: A new Training/Education benefit will be added to assist clients in accessing these resources. The maximum dollar amount approved will be \$750 per rolling 12-month period. Clients must submit a copy of program registration and an invoice or fee schedule in their name verifying the course and cost, along with a W9 from the agency to be paid. Please note that if the total cost exceeds \$750 clients should be prepared to verify they have applied for financial aid or secured other means to cover the balance of tuition/costs. Payment will be issued directly to the vendor at the address provided on the W-9.

All existing program eligibility criteria will remain in effect: BHRP-Basic Needs clients must have active Husky D medical insurance, with no cash assistance (specifically SAGA Cash, TANF, SSI, and/or SSDI), and be actively engaged in clinical behavioral health treatment services with a Medicaid provider at the time of their applications.