

Memo

Date: April 5, 2023

To: Behavioral health home (BHH) services providers

From: BHH services policy team

RE: Addendum - BHH providers must get participants' written consent for eligibility review for BHH services

This memo is an addendum to the recent [BHH providers must get participants' written consent for eligibility for BHH services memo](#) that addressed upcoming changes to the participant consent requirement to review eligibility for BHH services.

Retroactive written consent not required

BHH services providers are not required to retroactively collect written signatures for participants that provided verbal consent for the [BHH Services Rights, Responsibilities and Consent \(DHS-4797B\) \(PDF\)](#) during the public health emergency.

Starting May 12, 2023, BHH services providers can no longer accept verbal consent and will need to obtain written consent from participants using the [BHH Services Rights, Responsibilities and Consent \(DHS-4797B\) \(PDF\)](#).

Electronic signature for BHH services consent form

Written consent includes the option of electronic written consent (Minn. Stat. 645.44, subd. 14 and Minn. Stat. 325L). BHH services providers will need to check with their compliance or legal staff about how to properly obtain electronic signatures. DHS cannot advise on the procedure for obtaining electronic signatures.

Next steps

Email the DHS BHH services policy team at Behavioral.Health.Home.Services@state.mn.us with any questions about this memo.