

Gaps in Care for Behavioral Health Providers



We are excited to announce that, beginning **July 1, 2026**, you will be eligible for AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina's Gaps in Care for Behavioral Health Providers program. We will reassess the program for subsequent years.

Quality measures

Within this program, behavioral health providers will be eligible to receive a **per-gap-closure incentive of \$350** once a year for each member assigned to their practice who meets the population and compliance criteria for the following quality measures:

Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness – 7 days (FUH): Percentage of inpatient discharges for members 6 years of age and older who were hospitalized for a principal diagnosis of mental illness, or any diagnosis of intentional self-harm, and had a mental health follow-up service within 7 days after discharge. Incentive amount: **\$350**

Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness – 7 Days (FUM): Percentage of emergency department (ED) visits for members 6 and older with a principal diagnosis of mental illness, or any diagnosis of intentional self-harm, and had a mental health follow-up service within 7 days of the ED visit. Incentive amount: **\$350**

Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Substance Use – 7 Days (FUA): Percentage of ER visits among members age 13 and older with a principal diagnosis of SUD or any other drug overdose for which there was follow-up within 7 days of the ED visit. Incentive amount: **\$350**

Follow-Up After High-Intensity Care for Substance Use Disorder – 7 Days (FUI): Percentage of members age 13 or older discharged from inpatient/residential SUD treatment or detox who receive timely follow-up care within 7 days after the treatment period. Incentive amount: **\$350**

Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals With Schizophrenia (SAA): Percentage of individuals 18 and older with schizophrenia who were dispensed and remained on an antipsychotic medication for at least 80% of their treatment period. Incentive amount: **\$350**

Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (APM): Percentage of children and adolescents prescribed antipsychotic medications who received appropriate monitoring for potential metabolic side effects. Incentive amount: **\$350**

Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (APP): Percentage of children and adolescents with a new prescription for an antipsychotic medication and had documentation of psychosocial care as first-line treatment. Incentive amount: **\$350**

Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder (POD): Percentage of members 16 and older with a diagnosis of opioid use disorder who receive pharmacotherapy treatment and remain engaged in that treatment for at least 180 days. Incentive amount: **\$350**

Reporting period and settlement timeline

Reporting period start date	Reporting period end date	Settlement date
7/1/2026	9/30/2026	December 2026
7/1/2026	12/31/2026 + 3 months run out	June 2027

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact your Provider Account Executive. Thank you for your continued partnership with AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina in the service of our members. Please note that if you are included in an individually structured AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina value-based program you are excluded from earning performance incentives from this value-based program.

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