

Behavioral Health Conditional Dismissal Program (BHCDP) FAQ for Participants

What is the Behavioral Health Conditional Dismissal Program (BHCDP)?

The BHCDP provides an alternative to incarceration and traditional criminal sentencing by allowing eligible participants, based on qualifying charges and behavioral health needs, to receive treatment for a substance use and/or mental health disorder. Services may include but are not limited to: outpatient and inpatient treatment, medications for addiction and mental health treatment, case management, educational and job training, and recovery supports.

What happens if I am referred to a BHCDP Assessment?

You will complete a short assessment by phone or in-person with a mental health provider. The assessment is free. Based on the assessment, you will discuss substance use and/or mental health treatment options. With your permission, the treatment recommendations will be given to a Case Navigator with the Administrative Office of the Courts to help facilitate entry into the BHCDP program.

Can I choose my treatment provider?

You will be given a list of approved providers based on your assessment and you may choose which provider you would like to see. You have the option to choose a provider either within or outside your county of residence, depending on your preference.

Who pays for my treatment if I don't have insurance?

Treatment is offered at no cost to you. Treatment costs will be covered by insurance or alternative funding sources.

What if I choose not to participate?

If you choose not to participate, your case will continue through court proceedings.

What happens if I get discharged from the program due to unwillingness to continue?

If you leave the program before the completion of your treatment plan, your case resumes and your charges will not be dismissed.

How long is the program?

The length of the treatment is based on your provider's assessment and treatment recommendations. The treatment will not be longer than your maximum potential sentence if found guilty of the charge unless you agree in writing to an extension of the treatment.

What happens if I complete the program?

If you complete the program the charges are dismissed.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

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