

Hello and welcome to the Magellan Network!

We wanted to take a few moments to alert you to a few processes related to network expansion and provider rate increases. Failure to follow these processes may result in our inability to respond or process your requests.

## 2026 Rate Increases

- Behavioral Health Services of Somerset and Bedford Counties (BHSSBC) approved a 2% rate increase for all providers that was included in your Magellan contract for Somerset and Bedford Counties. This rate serves as your 2026 rate increase.

## Additional Rate Increases

Generally, provider rate adjustments are determined through an analysis of our rates by level of care/service in the fourth quarter of the year for the upcoming year. Results of our analysis **combined with state and county rate setting processes** drive our annual strategy for each county and level of care and must be sustainable. The priority for rate increase decisions is focused on implementing annual cost of living increases across full levels of care.

For additional information regarding our Provider Rate Increase Process please go here: [PAHC Provider Rate Increase Process](#).

## Program Expansion

Any changes to your program(s) require **prior** approval from the HealthChoices Program of Somerset and Bedford Counties. This includes:

- Adding a new program to your contract
- Expanding an existing program, even if it does not require a formal contract amendment such as:
  - Adding an additional Family-Based Team
  - Increasing the number of case managers
- Opening a new site

Approval must be obtained **before** implementing any of these changes.

Requests for expansion should follow the standard request process at [PAHC Provider Expansion](#). If you have already submitted an application for expansion, there is no need to complete another application as we retain all applications on file. Please know the HealthChoices Program of Somerset and Bedford Counties continues to evaluate the network for adequacy and geographic needs. Where an immediate need is identified, we will proactively reach out to providers. Please note that we will continue to regularly review and prioritize both new and existing provider requests for network entry or expansion.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to the individuals we collectively serve.