

## New program expanding access to behavioral health services

In partnership with grant funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Division of Behavioral Health within the South Dakota Department of Social Services is launching a new voucher program to support individuals impacted by the floods, severe weather, and tornadoes that occurred in 2019 and/or the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Behavioral Health Voucher Program aims to provide access to mental health and substance use treatment to individuals in need, at a provider of their choosing, at no cost if deemed eligible. Licensed and/or Certified providers can enroll in the program. Vouchers can be issued to clients by the provider, or as a result of a client contacting 211 and requesting treatment.

Funds are also available for recovery support services including transportation cost assistance and medication cost assistance.

### How does it work?

The program leverages existing hotline (211) and web-based supports (605Strong) to increase public awareness of the program.

#### Vouchers are issued through:

- Outreach to the state hotline (211) by individuals seeking assistance.
- Direct referral from a participating provider.

**Service rates** are based on the approved rate structure issued by the Division of Behavioral Health, Department of Social Services, which include additional funds support data collection requirements.

### How do I enroll as a provider?

*Providers can be individuals or an agency*

**Go to:**  
**[www.helplinecenter/605strongprovider/.com](http://www.helplinecenter/605strongprovider/.com)**

1. Review Reference Materials
2. Compile Supporting Information:  
W-9 and Insurance Certificates
3. Complete Provider Enrollment Form

### Who can provide services?

#### Mental Health Services:

- Certified Social Worker-Private Independent Practice (CSW-PIP)
- CSW-PIP candidate
- Certified Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Professional Counselor-Mental Health (LPC-MH)
- LPC working toward a MH designation
- Licensed Psychologist
- Licensed Psychiatrist

#### Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services:

Accredited SUD Agencies

### Have questions?

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### Not ready to enroll but want to keep in the know?

Complete this form online:  
<https://form.jotform.com/sagepc/inquiry>