

**§ 108D-26. Other provider networks.**

(a) Beginning on the date that BH IDD tailored plans begin operating, each LME/MCO under contract with the Department (i) to provide coverage of services as a PIHP or (ii) to provide coverage of any services approved under the 1915(i) option shall operate a closed network in accordance with this section.

(b) A closed network is the network of providers that have contracted with the LME/MCO to provide to enrollees the services and supports covered by the LME/MCO either as a PIHP or under the 1915(i) option.

(c) With regard to services identified by the Department as necessary to improve access for behavioral health, intellectual and developmental disability, and traumatic brain injury services, an LME/MCO shall accept all providers of those services that (i) meet objective quality standards and (ii) accept network rates, notwithstanding the requirement in this section to operate a closed network. (2023-134, s. 9E.16(b4).)