

An Act ensuring efficient & effective implementation of the Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform

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This bill will help ensure efficient and effective implementation of the Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform, including the Behavioral Health Help Line (BHHL), Community Behavioral Health Centers (CBHCs), and Behavioral Health Urgent Care Providers.

This bill would:

- The bill outlines responsibilities and creates an urgency with the EOHHS – the office of the Secretary – to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the Roadmap. This includes:
 - Developing and implementing comprehensive, biennial strategic plans
 - Ensuring coordination and aligning processes and procedures across all EOHHS agencies
 - Planning and implementing campaigns to raise awareness about the Roadmap
 - Gathering feedback about the Roadmap
 - Creating and making public a central data dashboard
 - Overseeing, in partnership with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, behavioral health crisis response planning and implementation
- Requires the Health Policy Commission to report on challenges and opportunities associated with the financial stability and sustainability of Roadmap services, and identify legislative, regulatory, or operational factors that would lead to improvements.

The Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform (Roadmap) aims to increase access to culturally relevant behavioral health care services, including crisis and outpatient services, for all residents regardless of insurance coverage.

Community-Based Entry Points to Massachusetts' Behavioral Health Care System

The Roadmap's components are an integrated part of the Commonwealth's comprehensive behavioral health care continuum to ensure residents can receive services where and when needed.



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