



Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania increases its support of integrated health initiatives

Since 2009, Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania (Magellan) has been committed to offering integrated healthcare for members through its Pennsylvania HealthConnections program. This program started as a pilot effort aimed at integrating physical and behavioral health services for adult Medicaid beneficiaries with serious mental illness and co-occurring physical health conditions.

- Over the past eight years, Magellan's efforts have evolved to include a well-established Wellness Recovery Team in Montgomery County and provider-level Nurse Navigators in Bucks and Delaware counties.
- In April 2017, Magellan further expanded its program with the creation of a new Wellness Recovery Team to support integrated health efforts in Lehigh and Northampton counties.
- In July 2017, with the start of the contract with Cambria County, Magellan will discuss potential opportunities for how to develop a similar team approach in the Johnstown area.

While there is more than one model of health integration across the counties, all programs and initiatives have a common focus of providing individualized health integration and improving members' overall wellness.

We collaborate with our customers and providers to support integrated health efforts across a variety of modalities and interventions with a focus on access, quality and cost-effectiveness. The HealthConnections program is most successful at the community provider level with a focus on health assessment, goal-setting, and improvement in overall quality of life. Magellan also actively participates in the commonwealth's integrated health programs, such as the Integrated Care Plan Pay for Performance initiative, and supports our providers involved in these initiatives, such as the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) initiative.

To learn more about the HealthConnections program and Magellan's integrated health efforts, visit <http://magellanofpa.com/benefits-services-pa/health-connections.aspx>.