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IHCP clarifies physical medical care requirements for behavioral health professionals

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announced in *IHCP Bulletin BT202137* the expanded scope of licensed behavioral health professionals who can now certify a mental health diagnosis. The bulletin stated that pursuant to *Senate Enrolled Act 82*, certain behavioral health professionals must coordinate patient care appropriately to ensure the individual receives physical medical care. The IHCP is clarifying that behavioral health professionals must offer to coordinate patient care as appropriate **with the practitioner who is providing physical medical care** to the patient. The IHCP is also clarifying that, according to *Senate Enrolled Act 82*, a patient may also decline this offer for care coordination by the licensed behavioral health professional. For more information on the expanded scope of practice, see *IHCP Bulletin BT202137*.



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