



# 2026 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY UPDATES

Behavioral Health Legislative Updates from the Indiana Statehouse

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## January 5, 2026

### **2026 Indiana General Assembly**

The 2026 Indiana General Assembly begins again on January 5, 2026 and is expected to conclude by the end of February 2026. This is a "Short (non budget) Session" made even shorter due to the early start in December to consider redistricting legislation.

Mental Health America of Indiana (MHAI) has been actively preparing for the upcoming legislative session to ensure behavioral health stakeholders have a clear understanding of the issues that may shape Indiana's policy landscape this year.

### **Access to Mental Health Medications**

In addition to the Indiana General Assembly, MHAI will be actively working with the Administration as well.

Mental Health America of Indiana passed legislation to protect access to mental health medications in Medicaid that stood for a decade. Unfortunately, this protection was eliminated in HEA 1001-2025, the previous budget bill. Since passage, MHAI has worked with OMPP on the Medicaid formulary and OMPP has committed to insuring appropriate clinical access to mental health medications. This was a topic of a workshop at MHAI's Symposium on December 12, 2025 presented by Carol Ott, PharmD, who is a clinical professor at Purdue University and also a member of the DUR Board, the Mental Health Quality Advisory Committee, and the Therapeutics Committee. Please see Dr. Ott's presentation at the link below:

[Dr. Ott's 2025 Symposium Presentation](#)

OMPP has asked MHAI to help communicate the changes and to let them know if there are issues or problems that need to be resolved. The IHCP Bulletin below includes the Drug Utilization

Review (DUR) Board approved updates to mental health medications resulting from the HEA 1001 legislative change. Implementation for fee-for-service members will be 1/1/2026 and 2/1/2016 for managed care.

***If you experience difficulty obtaining appropriate mental health medications in Medicaid, please contact OMPP or MHAI.***

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***MHAI's Public Policy Committee Priorities for the 2026 Session.***

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