



Topic: IHBT in Inpatient Settings

Purpose: The purpose of this communication is to serve as a reminder that intensive home-based treatment (IHBT) as described in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) [Rule 5160-59-03.3 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws](#) may be covered while the youth is receiving inpatient treatment to assist with transitioning youth back to their home and community **within thirty days of discharge.**

To best support the transition, providers should be reminded that IHBT can only be open for **thirty days while the youth are in the institution or facility** [Rule 5122-29-28 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws](#) (OAC 5122-29-28(D)(2)(b) and (c)).

Discharge planning at the start of IHBT opening with clearly outlined dates for return to the community must be established.

Reference Sections: Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5160-59-03.3 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5122-29-28 (D) (2) (b) and (c).

For Consideration:

Q: If youth is receiving IHBT and is hospitalized, can youth continue to receive IHBT?

A: Yes. IHBT may continue for no more than thirty days while the youth is inpatient when the services support discharge planning, care coordination, and transition back to the community.

There are no identified billing conflicts or limitations preventing IHBT during an inpatient stay for these purposes. IHBT providers play a key role in ensuring continuity of care, supporting stabilization, engaging the family, and preparing the youth's smooth transition back to the home environment.

Q: If youth is hospitalized while receiving IHBT, and the result may be out-of-home placement, can youth continue to receive IHBT?

A: ODM encourages IHBT providers to work with the child family teams to determine appropriateness of continuity of services, dependent on each unique situation. IHBT may not be open for longer than thirty days. In these scenarios, length of out-of-home placement, reunification planning, and transition planning should be taken into consideration.

Q: When can IHBT start while youth is inpatient to support discharge planning and transitioning back to the community and home?

A: No more than thirty days prior to the established discharge date. IHBT service activities are specifically focused on discharge planning, coordination with the inpatient treatment team, family engagement, and preparation for the youth's transition back to the community and home.

Q: Does this guidance apply to psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs)?

A: Yes, IHBT may begin engaging with the youth and family while the youth is still receiving treatment in a PRTF within thirty days of the established discharge date. This early engagement supports continuity of care and allows for coordinated planning with the PRTF treatment team.

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