



STANDARDS UPDATE GUIDE



Listed below are standards updated in 2025 for ACHC Behavioral Health Accreditation.

Organizations must be compliant with changes on the effective date and must maintain compliance throughout their accreditation period.

ACHC Standard	Services Applicable	Update Summary	Effective Date
BH2-1DD	PSRM	✗ Removed: “cultural.”	August 1, 2025
BH2-1U	ARS	↻ Revised language: Replaced “culture” with “background.”	August 1, 2025
BH2-9A	ACTT, ARS, BHH, CMGT, CRS, CS, DTX, FCS, ICS, IIH, IOTX, OTX, PHS, PSR, PSRM, PSS, PVS, RCS, RTX, RTX3.7, SES, SGL, WM, WME	<p>✗ Removed: “cultural.”</p> <p>↻ Revised language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Replaced “different nationalities” with “care that reflects a ‘whole person’ approach.”■ Replaced “knowledgeable regarding the written policies and procedures for the provision of services to service recipients with communication and cultural background barriers” with “provided with education and resources at orientation and annually to increase their awareness of the specific needs of the service recipient they serve.”	August 1, 2025
BH4-4A	ACTT, ARS, BHH, CMGT, CRS, CS, DTX, FCS, ICS, IIH, IOTX, OTX, PHS, PSR, PSRM, PSS, PVS, RCS, RTX, RTX3.7, SES, SGL, WM, WME	↻ Revised language: Replaced “Cultural diversity” with “Service recipient-specific needs.”	August 1, 2025
BH4-4D	ACTT, ARS, BHH, CMGT, CRS, CS, DTX, FCS, ICS, IIH, IOTX, OTX, PHS, PSR, PSRM, PSS, PVS, RCS, RTX, RTX3.7, SES, SGL, WM, WME	↻ Revised language: Replaced “Cultural diversity” with “Service recipient-specific needs.”	August 1, 2025

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BH5-2E	ACTT, BHH, CMGT, CRS, CS, DTX, FCS, ICS, IIH, IOTX, OTX, PHS, PSR, PSRM, PSS, RCS, RTX, RTX3.7, SES, SGL, WM, WME	↻ Revised language: Replaced “Culturally sensitive” with “Service recipient-specific needs.”	August 1, 2025

