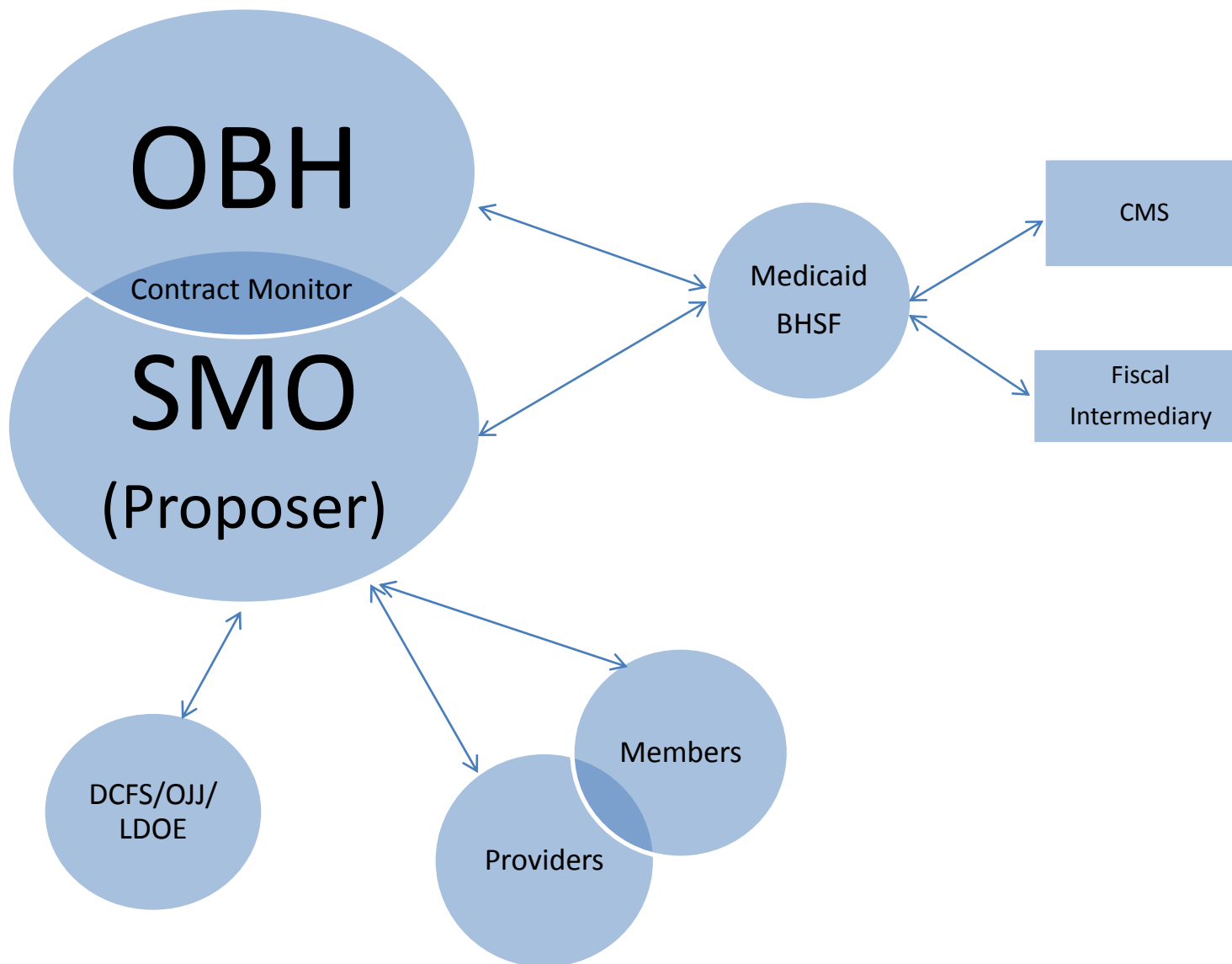


Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership System



Definitions:

- The **Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership (LBHP)** is the service delivery system for Medicaid and non-Medicaid adults and children who require specialized behavioral health services. The LBHP includes participation of the SMO, OBH, Medicaid, Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ), Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), who together form the Partnership.
- The **Office of Behavioral Health (DHH-OBH)** is the designated purchaser of managed behavioral health services for the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership, is responsible for the daily operations of the LBHP and SMO, and operates under the oversight of DHH-BHSF to assure compliance with federal rules and regulations.
- The **Bureau of Health Services Financing (DHH-BHSF)** has oversight responsibilities for all Medicaid programs. BHSF has designated the DHH-Office of Behavioral Health (DHH-OBH) as the issuer of the SMO RFP and contract monitor of the SMO. DHH-BHSF monitors the Medicaid Fiscal Intermediary.
- The **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)** gives DHH-BHSF the authority in Louisiana to administer the Louisiana Medicaid program.
- The **Medicaid Fiscal Intermediary (FI)** is contracted and monitored by DHH-BHSF. Under the LBHP, the Medicaid FI receives encounters from the SMO/Proposer.
- As participants in the LBHP, **DCFS, OJJ, and LDOE** work with the SMO/Proposer to provide services for children/youth (adult and youth for DCFS). DHH-OBH monitors the SMO/Proposer's delivery of these services. DCFS, OJJ and LDOE may choose to also hold individual MOUs or contracts with the SMO for their non-Medicaid population.
- The **Statewide Management Organization (SMO)/Proposer** manages behavioral health services for Medicaid and Non-Medicaid eligible populations served by the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), and Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ). The SMO/Proposer/Contractor provides these services through subcontracted providers. The SMO/Proposer reimburses providers for claims and submits encounters to the Medicaid FI.
- **LBHP Providers** are subcontracted by the SMO/Proposer to provide the array of specialized behavioral health services necessary to meet the needs of the LBHP member population as defined in the contract between the SMO/Proposer and DHH-OBH. Providers submit most claims to the SMO/Proposer for reimbursement.
- **LBHP Members** are the population eligible for services in the LBHP who receive services through the SMO/Proposer and through the SMO/Proposer's subcontracted providers.