

InfoByte: Behavioral Health & COVID-19

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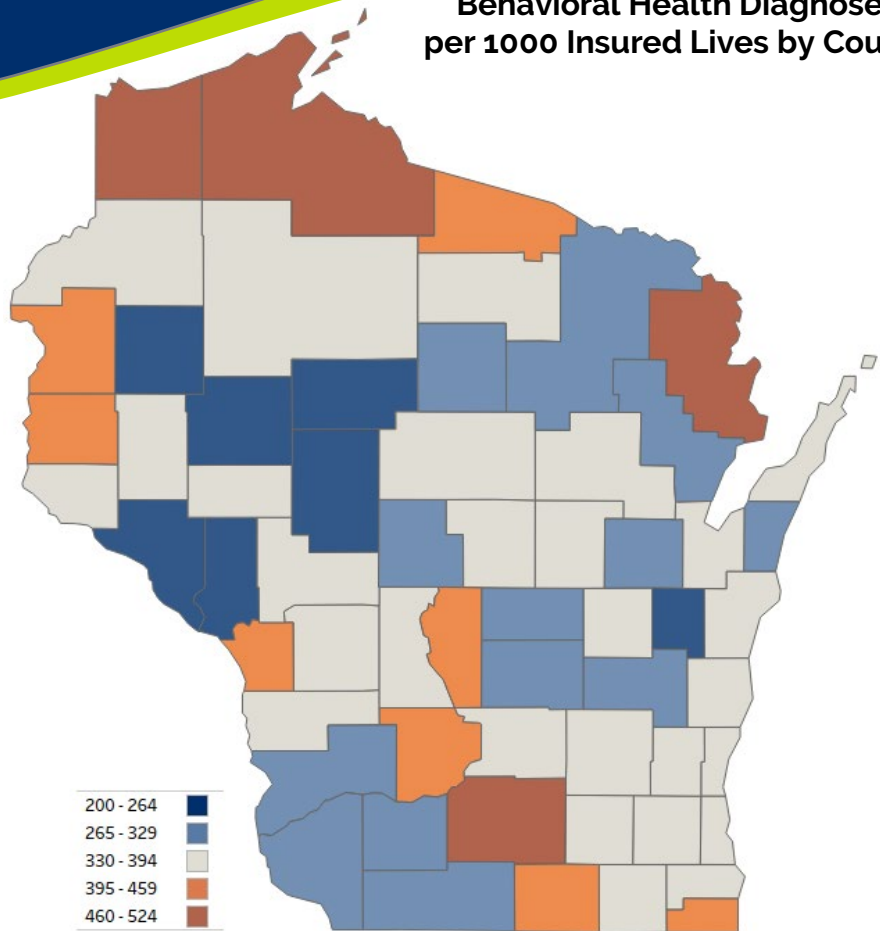


In April 2020, the Kaiser Family Foundation released [The Implications of COVID-19 for Mental Health and Substance Abuse](#), stating in part; "During this unprecedented time of uncertainty and fear, it is likely that mental health issues and substance use disorders among people with these conditions will be exacerbated. In addition, epidemics have been shown to induce general stress across a population and may lead to new mental health and substance use issues."

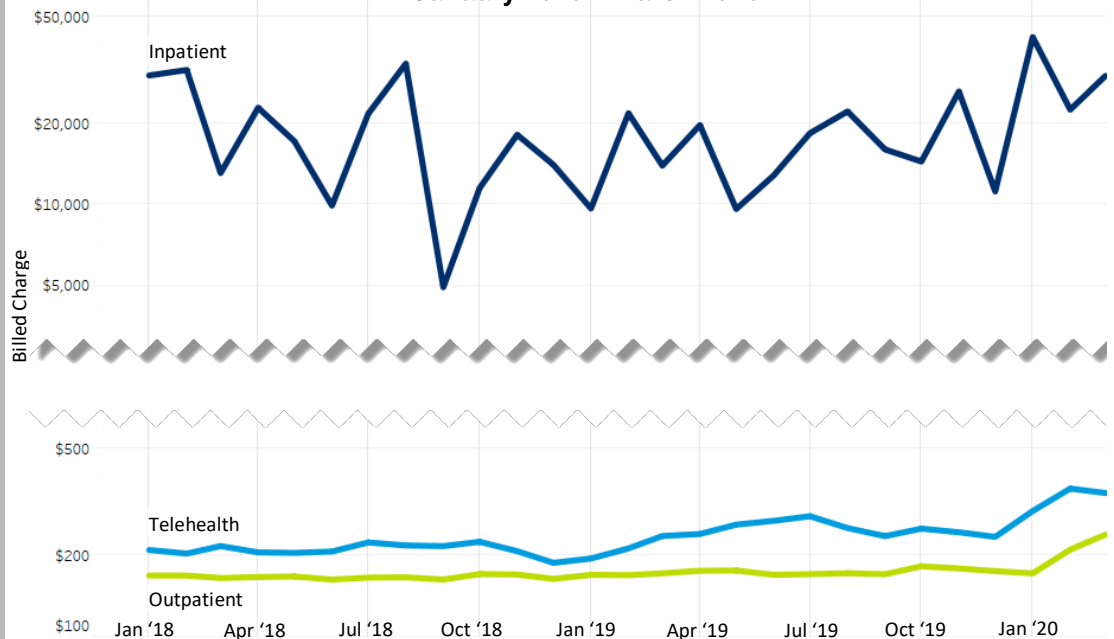
To monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mental health of Wisconsinites, the Wisconsin Health Information Organization (WHIO) has compiled state-wide indicators related to mental health starting with January 2018 through March 2020 to inform all Wisconsin stakeholders. The WHIO will update these indicators periodically as Wisconsin moves through this pandemic.

For additional information please contact WHIO at 608.442.3876

Behavioral Health Diagnoses per 1000 Insured Lives by County



Wisconsin Behavioral Health Average Charge by Service Location
January 2018 – March 2020



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The WHIO at Work for Wisconsin

The WHIO recently released another new tool available now to health plan customers: the COVID-19 Cost Simulator.

The WHIO, in partnership with BSG Analytics, developed the COVID-19 Cost Simulator using WHIO data to estimate the potential impact of:

- COVID-19 including a second wave later this year
- Changes in behavioral health costs
- Reductions in elective procedures
- Other relevant factors

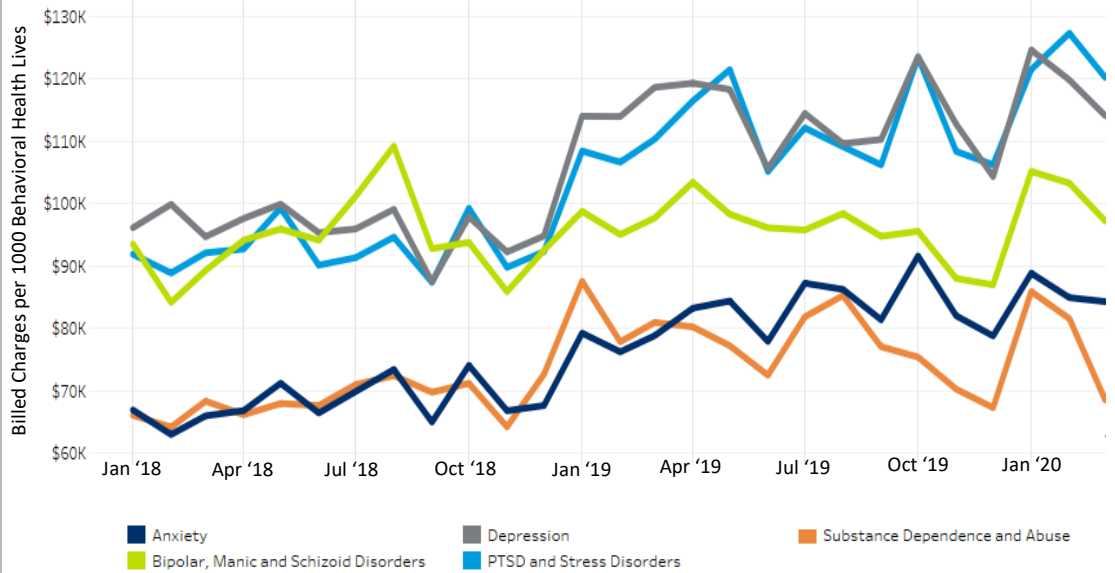
The COVID-19 Cost Simulator will be available to health care organizations in the coming weeks.

Contact Monica.Murphy@whio.org for information on how to receive the COVID-19 Cost Simulator for your organization.

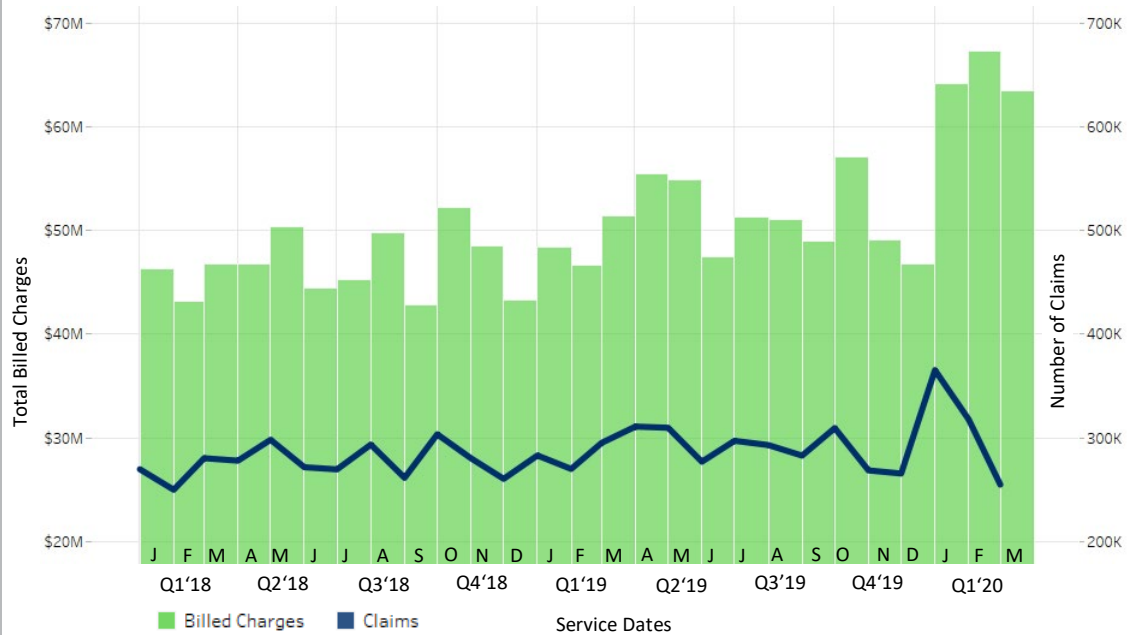
WHIO is Wisconsin's All-Payer Data Base that contains information on the health and health care that is delivered to over 4 million (73% of Wisconsinites) insured lives.

If you have an idea of how the WHIO data can be utilized to help WI organizations or citizens reduce the impact of COVID-19, please let us know. info@whio.org

Wisconsin Behavioral Health Charges by Diagnostic Category January 2018 – March 2020



Wisconsin Behavioral Health Charges & Claims January 2018 – March 2020



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