

# Behavioral Health

Krieg DeVault serves a full spectrum of behavioral health providers, delivering practical legal guidance grounded in a deep understanding of how these organizations operate in an increasingly complex regulatory environment. Our attorneys work closely with freestanding psychiatric hospitals, acute care hospitals with psychiatric units, community mental health centers, residential substance use disorder treatment programs, and outpatient mental health clinics to help them navigate regulatory requirements while advancing their operational and strategic objectives.

We advise clients on governance, compliance, licensure, certification, and accreditation, as well as Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement, payer contracting, and privacy and confidentiality requirements, including HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2. Drawing on extensive health care regulatory experience, we help organizations assess reimbursement avenues, respond to audits and investigations, and address the heightened oversight and parity obligations unique to behavioral health services.

Krieg DeVault also assists behavioral health providers with business combinations, affiliations, and market expansion, guiding clients through regulatory approval processes and operational integration. As care delivery models evolve, our attorneys counsel clients on telebehavioral health, consent matters, workforce and employment issues, and the development of new service lines, helping organizations adapt to change while remaining focused on patient care.

By combining industry insight with clear, practical legal advice, Krieg DeVault helps behavioral health providers manage risk, pursue growth opportunities, and continue delivering critical services to the communities they serve.

## **Focus Areas**

**Billing, coding and coverage issues**

**Compliance Guidance**

**Consent and authorized representative authority matters**

**Federal and state government relations**

**Licensure, certification and enrollment matters**

**Mental health commitment representation**

**Psychiatric hospital and outpatient clinic acquisition, formation, and licensure/certification issues**

**Privacy and security (HIPAA, Part 2, State law)**

**Payor relations, audits, and appeals**

**Virtual services and telehealth issues**