

## Behavioral Health Services (BHS) – Information Notice

<b>To:</b>	<b>BHS CYF Contracted Service Providers</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>Behavioral Health Services</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>March 24, 2022</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Tracking Out-of-County Medi-Cal Beneficiaries in CCBH Updated AB1299 STRTP Admission Report</b>

### Tracking Out-of-County Medi-Cal Beneficiaries in CCBH – for all BHS CYF Programs

Assembly Bill 1299 (AB1299) was approved by Governor Brown on September 25, 2016, and aims to ensure timely access to mental health services for foster children who are placed outside of their county of original jurisdiction. On July 1, 2017, the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services (BHS) implemented specific processes (see “References” below for link to Children, Youths and Families (CYF) Memo #05-16/17) to streamline the process for foster youth with out-of-county Medi-Cal to be served through San Diego BHS contracts under **Presumptive Transfer of Medi-Cal for Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS)**.

#### Required Actions:

- The County of San Diego BHS utilizes the “**County of Responsibility**” codes in the **Medi-Cal Eligibility Verification** section under the **Client 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Coverages Module of Cerner Community Behavioral Health (CCBH)** to also track all youth’s Medi-Cal county of origin.
- All BHS CYF contracted programs are to ensure that the “County of Responsibility” code is accurate and up to date for each youth admitted to the program.
- Please refer to the [3<sup>rd</sup> Party Billing Instructions](#), located on the Optum San Diego Website (and attached), for detailed instructions on entering the Medi-Cal county of origin for youth upon admission.

### Update for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) Only

The **AB1299 STRTP Admission Report**, completed for each admitted youth with out-of-county jurisdiction, has been revised to include the receipt of a **Qualified Individual Assessment**. As outlined in [Behavioral Health Information Notice \(BHIN\) NO. 21-060](#): as of October 1, 2021, a Qualified Individual (QI) shall conduct an independent assessment and determination regarding the needs of a child prior to placement in a STRTP or in an out-of-state residential facility. The QI shall conduct an independent assessment and determination prior to placement in a STRTP. In the case of emergency placement, the QI shall conduct the independent assessment and determination within 30 days of the start of the placement.

#### STRTP Required Actions:

- For youth admitted beginning **April 1st, 2022**, BHS CYF contracted STRTP providers shall submit the **revised AB1299 STRTP Admission Report** for each youth admitted under a Presumptive Transfer, which includes verification that the STRTP has **received a Qualified Individual Assessment** from the placing county.
- The AB1299 STRTP Admission Report will continue to be submitted in the following formats by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the admission date for each youth with out-of-county jurisdiction admitted to the STRTP under Presumptive Transfer:
  - **Via email** to the BHS COR; **AND**
  - **Via fax** to the Optum San Diego Mental Health point-of-contact.
- All categories indicated as “No” on questions #1-6 of the AB1299 STRTP Admission Report shall include an explanation in the “Completed by STRTP” Comments section of the form.
- If a QI Assessment has not been received by the STRTP due to an emergency placement, the STRTP shall re-

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submit the AB1299 STRTP Admission Report by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the youth’s admission date, with verification/update of QI Assessment receipt.

### Attachments

- 3rd Party Billing Instructions, developed 01.25.2022, located on the Optum San Diego Website
- Revised "AB1299 STRTP Admission Report" – *released March 24, 2022*
- Revised "AB1299 STRTP Admission Report Explanation Form" – *released March 24, 2022*
- Optional "NOPT Tracking Tool" – *released December 5, 2018*

### References

- CYF Memo: #05 16/17 Dated June 30, 2017. [AB1299 - Presumptive Transfer of Mental Health Services Obligation to the County of Residence for Out-of-County \(OOC\) Foster Youth who are Medi-Cal Beneficiaries and require Specialty Mental Health Services](#)
- DHCS Behavioral Health Information Notice No: 21-060 Dated 9.30.21: [Assessments by a Qualified Individual \(QI\) for Placements in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs \(STRTPs\) Under the Requirements of the Family First Prevention Services Act \(FFPSA\) and Assembly Bill \(AB\) 153 \(Chapter 86, Statutes of 2021\)](#)

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