

Information Sharing

Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS)
Timely Admissions for Collaborative Court Participants – BHS-2018-014

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Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Residential Treatment Providers:

With this Information Sharing notice, County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) would like to reinforce and further clarify the direction given to programs regarding expectations on how to manage timely admissions in residential services. [BHS Information Sharing BHS-2018-010](#).

A planned admission means that a residential treatment provider is receiving a client for admission from a collaborative court treatment program upon the client's release from jail at a time certain in the future. As soon as the collaborative court treatment program makes contact with the residential treatment provider, the client will commence the process for admission to the residential program. The admission process includes all types of referrals such as walk-ins, phone calls, transfers from other programs, as well as planned jail discharges.

To ensure timely admission of clients, including collaborative court clients who are being released from jail to residential treatment, the County expects providers to align its program processes, as follows:

- Planned admission for collaborative court participants is **required** to ensure that releases from jail to residential care from collaborative court programs is/are **date/time specific and certain**.
- To optimize communication between the collaborative courts, collaborative court treatment program, and residential treatment providers, it is recommended that coordination of case management services between providers **begin while the client is still in jail custody**.
- Residential programs may bill case management services (up to 4 units total or 1 hour maximum) **prior to admission** to facilitate and maximize efficiency of planned admissions.

Data entry:

The specific planned admissions process required in SanWITS (i.e., "assessed delayed admission" process) is forthcoming from the BHS Quality Improvement Team.

Invoicing and Reimbursement:

As communicated through [BHS Information Sharing BHS-2018-13](#), provider rate caps on cost reimbursement contracts are waived for Q1 and Q2, from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, unless specifically directed otherwise by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

Please contact the COR if there any questions about this Information Sharing.

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