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Subject: OptumHealth TERM – Important Update on Child Sexual Abuse Referrals

Dear TERM Provider:

We are writing to provide clarification of credentialing requirements for Child Sexual Abuse Offender and Non-Protecting Parent referrals through the TERM panel. It is San Diego County Child Welfare Services (CWS) policy that providers credentialed in these areas are certified through the California Sex Offender Management Board to treat sexual offenders. The rationale is to ensure that providers meet State requirements for sexual offender treatment and, for non-protecting parent referrals, that providers have the requisite competence in identifying and addressing sexual abuse dynamics (e.g., grooming behavior, cycle of sexual abuse), are effectively able to address case-specific risk factors, and are utilizing best practice treatment approaches.

What this means for TERM therapists

As a reminder, please only accept referrals in areas for which you have been credentialed. Please do not accept referrals of offending or non-protecting parents in child sexual abuse cases referred by CWS if you are not certified through the California Sex Offender Management Board.

If you are interested in certification in this area, please follow up with the [California Sex Offender Management Board](#) for information. For questions about adding additional specialties to your provider profile, please contact Provider Services at 877-824-8376, Option 3.

Thank you,

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