



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
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To: All Mental Health Providers

Subject: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) Information Notice
No.: 16-004

Dear Mental Health Provider,

I want to formally express my continued gratitude for your partnership with the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued MHSUDS Information Notice No.: 16-004, which details the requirement for all Mental Health Plans to provide Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) and Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS) to beneficiaries age 21 and under who are eligible for full scope Medi-Cal and meet the medical necessity criteria for Specialty Mental Health Services.

Effective January 1, 2022, DBH and its valued partners will be required to screen all eligible persons served age 21 years and under for ICC and IHBS services. Enclosed is the Medi-Cal Manual Third Edition ICC, IHBS & Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) to assist you in your effort to screen for needed services. The manual is a comprehensive guide on criteria for and implementation of ICC and IHBS as required by the DHCS. As always, DBH Managed Care team members will be available to answer any questions and concerns you may have.

Enclosed please find the new *Fresno County ICC & IHBS Consideration Tool*. The *Fresno County ICC & IHBS Consideration Tool* is a screening tool that must be completed at the time of initial mental health assessment, during reassessment and at the time of discharge for every person served age 21 years and under. We have developed tools to collect the required information, both through our electronic health record (EHR) Avatar, as well as manually, for those providers who do not use Avatar. The *Fresno County ICC & IHBS Consideration Tool* is attached for your convenience. For those with Avatar access, you may use the tool via the EHR. For non-Avatar users, you must use the tool attached to screen for ICC and IHBS services and maintain the screening tool in the client record. We will provide training and answer questions during the Mental Health Contractor's Meeting on December 9, 2021.

For individual and group providers who have questions related to the matter above or if you need additional material, please contact Managed Care. For organizational providers, please contact your Contract Analyst.

Thank you very much for your attention,

Marcelia Black, LCSW, Division Manager
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Enclosures: Medi-Cal Manual Third Edition ICC, IHBS & TFC
Fresno County ICC & IHBS Consideration Tool

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