Problem List

Fresno County

Department of Behavioral Health

Problem List! What is that!?

A list of

- symptoms,
- conditions,
- diagnoses,
- and/or risk factors

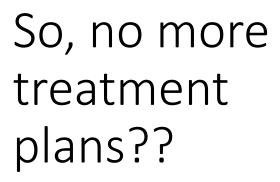
Identified through assessment, psychiatric evaluation, crisis encounter, or other types of service encounters with service providers.



Why a Problem List?

- As part of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) aims to reform behavioral health and substance use disorder documentation requirements to improve the person served experience.
- Problem List will help to facilitate continuity of care through accessibility to an all-inclusive list of problems that will easily identify the individuals care needs, including current diagnoses, and along with key health and social determinants of health and wellness.





 The Problem List will mostly replace the treatment plan, except for some EPSDT services i.e. TBS, ICC, IHBS, STRTP, etc. that will still require a treatment plan, <u>per</u> <u>Federal mandates</u>.

 All current AOD programs are still required to complete treatment plans in addition to the Problem List.

> Exception: NTP/OTP services are exempt from Problem List requirements; however, treatment plans are still required.



When do I have to start doing a problem List?

• September 19, 2022



What about our ongoing persons served?

- Review current problems with persons served/family members
- Update Problem List based on review
- Review shall occur at next service or as clinically appropriate



Who completes the Problem List?

- Providers responsible for the individual's care create and maintain the Problem List.
- This includes clinician-identified diagnoses, identified concerns by individual/support person, and issues identified by other service providers including those by non-LPHA staff.



What is **required** on the Problem List?

- a. Diagnoses and corresponding codes, identified by provider practicing within their scope and competence.
 - i. Including Z-codes/diagnostic specifiers from DSM-5, if applicable.
- b. Problems identified by provider, practicing within their scope and competence if any.
- c. Problems or illnesses, identified by individual or significant support person, if any.
- d. Name, title of provider that identified, added, or resolved the problem **along** with the date the problem was identified, added, or resolved.



How often do I have to update the Problem List?

- There are no specific time frames or requirements as to when the Problem List should be updated.
- Providers shall identify/add/resolve problems from Problem List, when there are relevant changes for person served, and within a reasonable time frame.

