

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) – Contractor Information Notice

To:	County of San Diego Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Contracted Service Providers
From:	Behavioral Health Services
Date:	June 10, 2021
Title	Department of Health Care Services Institute for Mental Diseases Facility Assessment Tool and Webinar

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has distributed the communication below to STRTPs regarding the Institute for Mental Diseases (IMD) Facility Assessment process. **All STRTP providers are encouraged to register and attend the DHCS webinar regarding the IMD determination process**, registration link below. An IMD determination is expected to have service delivery and contracting implications.

Please review the following DHCS communication issued in May 2021:

The Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) has determined that Short-term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) cannot be exempted from Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) determination. As a result, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has been directed by CMS to conduct IMD determination reviews of all STRTPs, to determine whether they are eligible to claim federal financial participation (FFP). To meet that goal, DHCS is collaborating with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide guidance and technical assistance to STRTP providers in order to facilitate the IMD determination reviews.

Due to the impact of the public health emergency, DHCS informed CMS that we will finalize these determinations by December 31, 2021.

In an effort to conduct the IMD determinations, DHCS is sharing the attached assessment tool to help providers understand how these determinations will be made that you can use to assist you in making a self-determination of your facility. This tool is strictly meant as a guide for you to review your own program and provide an overview of the CMS requirements.

DSS in collaboration with DHCS will contact providers directly to obtain more information and conduct the determination. Providers are instructed to not submit this tool to DHCS independently until the determination visit by DHCS has been scheduled.

DHCS will be providing more in-depth technical assistance and working one-on-one with providers as needed to obtain more clarification. These technical assistance visits will be scheduled with the provider individually and provide an opportunity for both the provider and DHCS to ask questions.

DHCS and DSS will be hosting two separate webinars to walk through the assessment tool and discuss the IMD determination process. The webinars will contain the same information, so you will only need to attend one of the sessions.

Note, according to the DHCS communication, **providers are not to submit the attached IMD Assessment Tool until a determination visit by DHCS has been scheduled.**

Webinar Registration and Details:

- Register [here](#) for the IMD Determination for STRTPs Webinar
- Date and Time: Thursday, July 8, 2021 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Attachments:

- Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) Facility Assessment Tool (CA IMD Assessment Tool_2.26.21)
- DHCS PowerPoint Presentation – Institution for Mental Diseases Determinations (DHCS IMD Presentation FINAL 6.3.2021)

For More Information:

- Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)