

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) – Contractor Information Notice

To:	BHS Contracted Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Providers
From:	Behavioral Health Services – Children Youth and Families (CYF)
Date:	March 2, 2021
Title	Revised AB1299 STRTP Admission Report

Assembly Bill 1299 was approved by Governor Brown on September 25, 2016 and aims to ensure timely access to mental health services for foster children who are placed outside of their county of original jurisdiction.

On July 1, 2017, the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services (BHS) department implemented specific processes (CYF Memo #05-16/17) to allow for foster youth with out-of-county Medi-Cal to be served through San Diego BHS contracts under Presumptive Transfer of Medi-Cal for Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS).

Effective March 15, 2021, BHS contracted STRTPs shall utilize the revised “AB1299 STRTP Admission Report” that clearly outlines documentation required from STRTP providers when admitting a foster youth with out-of-county Medi-Cal. The revised “AB1299 STRTP Admission Report” serves as verification that the STRTP received documentation indicating the following:

- Notice of Presumptive Transfer (NOPT) form has been completed by the County of origin and indicates STRTP level of care.
- An Interagency Placement Committee recommended/approved the STRTP level of care.
- Lower levels of intervention were insufficient and/or client’s needs can only be met at the STRTP level of care.
- Client meets Medical Necessity for the level of Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) offered at the STRTP level of care.
- The placing County has communicated that they will be an active part of the Child and Family Team (CFT).

Required Action

- As of March 15th, BHS contracted STRTP providers shall submit the revised “AB1299 STRTP Admission Report” and a copy of the NOPT form received from the youth’s county of origin. The form must be submitted in the following format by the 15th of the following month for each youth admitted to the STRTP:
- **Via email** to the BHS COR, BHS CCR team, **AND**
- **Via fax** to the Optum San Diego Mental Health point of contact

Effective March 15, 2021, the “AB1299 STRTP Admission Report” is no longer required to be submitted when youth discharge from the STRTP.

An optional NOPT tracking tool is attached to assist STRTPs with tracking the necessary information for all youth placed from out-of-county under presumptive transfer.

Attachments

- Revised “AB1299 STRTP Admission Report” – *released March 2, 2021*
- “AB1299 STRTP Admission Report Explanation Form” – *released March 2, 2021*
- Optional “NOPT Tracking Tool” – *released December 5, 2018*

Reference

- DHCS MHSUDS INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 17-032 Dated 6/30/17: [Implementation of Presumptive Transfer for Foster Children Placed Out of County](#)
- CYF Memo: #05 16/17 Dated June 30, 2017. [AB1299 - Presumptive Transfer of Mental Health Services Obligation to the County of Residence for Out-of-County \(OOC\) Foster Youth who are Medi-Cal Beneficiaries and require Specialty Mental Health Services](#)
- CYF Memo: #05-18/19 Dated December 5, 2018. [AB1299 Residential Tracking Update](#)

For More Information:

- Contact your Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR)