

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) – Contractor Information Notice

To:	BHS Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Mental Health Service Providers
From:	Behavioral Health Services, CYF
Date:	June 17, 2022
Title	Clinical Outcome Standards - Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC)

Background

In fiscal year (FY) 2018-19, the Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) was implemented as directed by the California Department of Health Care Services. In FY 2019-20, County clinical objective goals were established to achieve a minimum PSC Completion Rate of 75% for discharged clients with two time points of data on the Parent and Youth Measure, as applicable.

The local clinical objectives were reviewed during the System of Care Outcome Sub-Committee meeting and participating program managers were encouraged to provide their feedback and offer suggestions. These new objectives were presented by the Child & Adolescent Services Research Center (CASRC) during the Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) Program Manager meeting on May 12th, 2022. That presentation – attached for your reference – included a review of current objectives and outlined the establishment of new minimum standards.

New Minimum Standards and Reporting

Effective July 1, 2022, minimum standards for the two PSC clinical objectives (Reliable Improvement and Clinically Significant Improvement) will be implemented, as follows:

- A minimum of 50% of discharged clients shall demonstrate Reliable Improvement.
- A minimum of 50% of discharged clients shall demonstrate Clinically Significant Improvement.

Programs will continue reporting on the two PSC clinical objectives for Reliable Improvement and Clinically Significant Improvement in their QSRs. However, the reporting will now be done in the context of the County's standards that were established based on literature review and prior years' data review.

Please note: The QSR objective reports can be accessed through CYF [Mental Health Outcomes Management System \(mHOMS\)](#) database.

For More Information:

- Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)