



Behavioral Health CHILDREN AND YOUTH COLLABORATIVE SERVICES

DHCS Requirement to use CANS by July 1, 2018 - Information Notice 17-052

DHCS has indicated that 50 Core items of the Standard CANS-Comprehensive must be reported for all new EPSDT Medi-Cal clients starting as of July 1st, 2018. While this will have little impact on our practices, it may be extremely helpful in our communications with our neighboring counties.

DBH has been utilizing a local adaption (i.e., CANS-SB) of the CANS-Comp for the past seven years and our providers are in a good position to meet this expectation.

The CANS-SB was last revised in 2012 and needed to be updated to match more current nomenclature and practices. For that reason we have updated the CANS-SB to the CANS-SB 2.0. Additionally, CANS-SB 2.0 includes some additional changes (e.g., 1 new core item, expanded Early Childhood and TAY Modules, and new Vocational Module).

Although the CANS-SB 2.0 Manual and Scoresheet are available now, it is not incorporated into Objective Arts at this time. The expectation is that CANS-SB 2.0 will be incorporated into Objective Arts by March or April 2018.

All DBH Children's Contract Providers will transition to the CANS-SB 2.0 and it is understood that certain agencies will need to complete various activities to make this implementation possible by the July date. The provision of the new CANS-SB 2.0 Manual and Scoresheet now is intended to make this implementation easier, but no changes in practice are required at this time.

Additionally, the draft of the Children's Clinical Assessment with CANS-SB 2.0 items integrated is available upon request. It is understood that having a copy of this may be helpful, but please make sure you do not implement the CANS-SB 2.0 before Objective Arts is updated.

In addition to the required use of the CANS, DHCS has indicated that the Pediatric Symptom Checklist – 35 (PSC-35) will be a required tool used when providing EPSDT Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS). This tool will also be incorporated into Objective Arts and instructions on the use of this tool will be forthcoming over the next 4 to 6 months.