



INFORMATION NOTICE 19-04

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To Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Deputy Directors, Program Managers, Clinic Supervisors, and Contract Agencies

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Subject Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) – Specialty Mental Health Services Performance Outcome System Functional Assessment Tools for Children, Youth, and Young Adults

Purpose To provide guidance on Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) Information Notice (IN) No. 18-048.

Background MHSUDS Information Notice No. 17-052 established the requirements for reporting on measurement tools for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) clients (i.e., under twenty-one (21) years of age), who are receiving Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS). DHCS has indicated the Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-35) and fifty (50) items from Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) tools must be completed at initial contact, every six (6) months, in response to an urgent change, and upon discharge. The PSC-35 is required for clients ages three (3) through eighteen (18) and the TCOM items are required for clients ages six (6) through twenty (20). DHCS refers to these fifty (50) items as the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS-50).

DBH has implemented multiple TCOM tools in different programs and has aligned these tools so the CANS-50 are included in all versions. This includes the Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment-San Bernardino (ANSA-SB). Effective September 1, 2019, the ANSA-SB will include an EPSDT module that must be completed for clients under twenty-one (21) years of age.

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Clinical Unit Responsibilities

All clinical units providing ongoing care shall:

- Have staff who use the ANSA-SB complete the twenty (20) minute Relias training on the changes to the ANSA-SB;
- Obtain the PSC-35 for all new clients ages three (3) through eighteen (18);
- Complete either the CANS-SB or the ANSA-SB, based on age of client and program, for all new clients ages six (6) through twenty (20), and
- Ensure the information is entered into Objective Arts.

All clinical units affected by this change shall create local business processes that facilitate the inclusion of adults ages eighteen (18) through twenty (20) in these outcome measure efforts.

EPSDT Outcome Requirements

In order to comply with DHCS requirements, DBH and its contractors shall follow the process below:

1. For new clients ages three (3) through eighteen (18):
 - Provide the PSC-35 form to parents/guardians upon intake, every six (6) months, and upon discharge;
 - Enter data from the PSC-35 into Objective Arts;
 - Retain a printed copy of the PSC-35 in the client's medical record, and
2. For new clients ages six (6) through twenty (20):
 - Complete a TCOM tool (e.g., CANS-SB or ANSA-SB) through the collaborative assessment process at intake and enter this information into Objective Arts;
 - Update the TCOM tool in Objective Arts every three (3) or six (6) months depending upon the program;
 - Six (6) Month Programs:
 - DBH Community Clinics;
 - General Mental Health Contracts, and
 - School Aged Treatment Services.
 - 3 Month Programs:
 - All others.
 - Complete a discharge TCOM tool in Objective Arts upon discharge, and
 - Print an appropriate copy of the TCOM tool from Objective Arts and retain in the client's medical record.

Reference(s)

- Department of Health Care Services Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Information Notice No. 18-048: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) - Specialty Mental Health Services Performance Outcomes System Functional Assessment Tools for Children and Youth
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Questions

For questions regarding this Information Notice, please contact the local Subject Matter Expert (SME) at each clinical location. If unsure who is the SME at any location, please email:

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