CANS and PSC-35 Functional Assessment Tool Data Submission Update to CCBHS Contract Providers Treating Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Ages 0 - 21

Background: In accordance with DHCS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 17-052, Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services (CCBHS) will oversee the administration of the Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-35) and the Child and Adolescents Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment tools to measure child and youth functioning. CCBHS is implementing the CANS with children and youth ages birth to 21. The PSC-35 is administered to parents/caregivers of youth ages 3 to 18. These tools are to be implemented beginning October 1, 2018 in County-owned and operated mental health clinics and with CCBHS contracted providers who provide services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries of the specialty mental health plan.

CCBHS will be submitting all CANS and PSC-35 data from County and CCBHS contracted providers on a monthly basis to the DHCS secure portal.

Implementation: Beginning October 1, 2018, providers will need to complete the CANS and PSC-35 for all new beneficiaries:
1) at the start of treatment,
2) every six months thereafter, and
3) at the end of treatment.

For existing clients (enrolled prior to October 1), these tools can be administered starting at the client’s annual assessment date. At the same time, DHCS expects that all existing clients have a completed CANS and PSC-35 no later than February 2019.

Data Reporting Requirements: Providers will need to report all completed CANS and PSC-35 data on a monthly basis, at a minimum, to CCBHS. CCBHS will begin reporting all CANS and PSC-35 data to DHCS on the last day of the month starting December 1st and on a monthly basis thereafter. In order to meet this DHCS deadline for reporting, all CANS and PSC-35 data will be due to CCBHS on the 15th of each month (starting December 15, 2018) for data gathered since last data submission to give CCBHS sufficient time to prepare the data submission to DHCS.

CCBHS is currently in the process of evaluating the County’s needs of a data management system for use by our contracted providers to submit data electronically to CCBHS. CCBHS is also awaiting further instruction and information from DHCS regarding data reporting. While County assesses and evaluates these long-term plans, CCBHS is offering the contracted providers the following options to submit data during the initial phase of implementation.
Option 1 - Providers submit completed CANS and PSC-35 forms by mail, similar to CALOCUS/LOCUS submission.

Option 2 - Providers submit encrypted data files formatted using approved CCBHS data dictionaries. This option is most appropriate for contracted providers with an electronic health record (EHR). Providers interested in this option must contact Michelle Nobori for consideration and their EHR forms will be subject to review by the Behavioral Health Forms Committee.

CCBHS approved CANS and PSC-35 forms are currently available in preparation of the October 1, 2018 implementation at the following site for contract providers: [https://cchealth.org/mentalhealth/clinical-documentation](https://cchealth.org/mentalhealth/clinical-documentation)

For additional CANS/PSC resources and information please visit: [https://cchealth.org/mentalhealth/outcome-measures.php](https://cchealth.org/mentalhealth/outcome-measures.php)

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