

# PROVIDER Bulletin



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## INFORMATIONAL

### Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Adults and Youth Screening and Transition of Care Tools for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services.

In accordance with DHCS All Plan Letter (APL) 22-028, this communication serves as PHC's notification to in network providers concerning the DHCS Adult and Youth Screening and Transition of Care Tools for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services to ensure provider compliance with this State requirement.

The DHCS Screening and Transition of Care Tools guide referrals to the Medi-Cal mental health delivery system (i.e., PHC or County Mental Health Plan) that is expected to best support each Member. DHCS is requiring PHC and PHC in network providers to use the Screening and Transition of Care Tools for Members under age twenty-one (21) (youth) and for Members age twenty-one (21) and over (adults). The Screening and Transition of Care Tools for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services consist of:

- The Adult Screening Tool for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services.
- The Youth Screening Tool for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services.
- The Transition of Care Tool for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services (Adult and Youth).

The Adult and Youth Screening Tools for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services determine the appropriate mental health delivery system referral for Members who are not currently receiving mental health services when they contact the PHC or PHC in network providers seeking mental health services. The Screening Tools are not required or intended for use with Members who are currently receiving mental health services. The Screening Tools are also not required for use with Members who contact mental health providers directly to seek mental health services.

The Transition of Care Tool for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services ensures that Members who are receiving mental health services from one delivery system receive timely and coordinated care when their existing services need to be transitioned to the other delivery system, or when services need to be added to their existing mental health treatment from the other delivery system

PHC's Mental Health and Substance Use Services are currently managed by an external vendor Magellan Health. Therefore, applicable members identified as requiring Mental Health Services as a result of use of the Screening and Transition of Care Tools outlined above will be referred to Magellan for further assessment and referral services.

Please refer to the following link to the DHCS Screening and Transition of Care Tools for Medi-Cal Mental Health Service for additional information including but not limited to APL 22-028, Frequently Asked Questions and the Adult/Youth Screening Tools and Transition of Care Tools noted above.

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Screening-and-Transition-of-Care-Tools-for-Medi-Cal-Mental-Health-Services.aspx>

If you have any questions concerning this communication or need additional information concerning this requirement, please contact the Provider Relations department for further assistance ([CAPR@aidshhealth.org](mailto:CAPR@aidshhealth.org)).

Thank you

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