

ALAMEDA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES (ACBH) SHORT DOYLE/MEDI-CAL PROVIDER SITE CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION PROTOCOL

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¹ CCR, Title 9, Section 1840.366. Lockouts for Crisis Intervention (a) Crisis Intervention is not reimbursable on days when Crisis Residential Treatment Services, Psychiatric Health Facility Services, Psychiatric Nursing Facility Services, or Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services are reimbursed, except for the day of admission to those services.

(b) The maximum amount claimable for Crisis Intervention in a 24-hour period is **8 hours**.

² CCR, Title 9, Section 1840.374. Lockouts for Targeted Case Management Services (a) Targeted Case Management Services are not reimbursable on days when the following services are reimbursed, except for day of admission or for placement services as provided in Subsection (b): (1) Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services; (2) Psychiatric Health Facility Services; (3) Psychiatric Nursing Facility Services.

(b) Targeted Case Management Services, solely for the purpose of coordinating placement of the beneficiary on discharge from the hospital, psychiatric health facility or psychiatric nursing facility, may be provided during the 30 calendar days immediately prior to the day of discharge, for a maximum of three nonconsecutive periods of 30 calendar days or less per continuous stay in the facility.

³ CCR, Title 9, Section 1840.372. Lockouts for Medication Support Services. The maximum amount claimable for Medication Support Services in a 24-hour period is 4 hours.

Category 1: Posted Brochures and Notices		ia Met	Guidelines for Certification Reviews				
Federal and State Criteria	Yes	No					
1. Regarding written information in English and the threshold languages to assist beneficiaries in accessing specialty mental health services, at a minimum, does the provider have the following A through D information available:			Note: Alameda County's current threshold languages are:				
A. The beneficiary brochure/Guide to Medi-Cal Mental Health Services per MHP procedures?			 Check to see whether the brochures/Guides are in a visible place and are available in English and the threshold languages.⁴ The brochures/Guides must be made available to beneficiaries when first receiving a specialty mental health service and upon request. 				
B. The provider list/directory per MHP procedures?			 Check to see whether the current provider list/directory is in a visible place and is available in English and the threshold languages (See footnote 4 below). The provider list/directory must be made available to beneficiaries when first receiving a specialty mental health service and upon request. Note: The provider may display a notice visible to beneficiaries for items A. and B. that specifies, in English and the threshold languages, "Copies available upon request." 				
C. The posted notice explaining grievance, appeal, and fair hearings processes?			 Check to see whether the grievance, appeal, and fair hearings processes are in a visible place, and are available in English and the 				

CCR, Title 9, Section 1810.410 (e) (4) General Program literature used by the MHP to assist beneficiaries in accessing services including, but not limited to, the beneficiary brochure required by Section 1810.360(c) materials explaining the beneficiary problem resolution and fair hearing processes required by Section 1850.205(c)(1), and mental health education materials used by the MHP, in threshold languages, based on the threshold languages in the county as a whole.

⁴ CCR, Title 9, Section 1810.360 (b) (3) (d) (e)

⁽b) Prior to the date the MHP begins operation, the Department shall mail a notice to all beneficiaries in a county containing the following information:

⁽³⁾ The availability of a booklet and provider list that contain the information required by Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 438.10(f)(6) and (g).

⁽d) The Department shall provide an annual written notice to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries informing them of their right to request and obtain a booklet and provider list from the MHP that contains the information required by Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 438.10 (f) (6) and (g).

⁽e) The MHP of the beneficiary shall provide its beneficiaries with a booklet and provider list upon request and when a beneficiary first receives a specialty mental health service from the MHP or its contract providers. This responsibility applies to the beneficiary's receipt of any specialty mental health services, including but not limited to an assessment to determine whether medical necessity criteria pursuant to Section 1830.205 are met.

			threshold languages without the need to make a verbal or written request. ⁵
D. The grievance forms, appeal forms, and self-addressed envelopes?			 Check to see whether the grievance & appeal forms are in a visible place, and are available in English and the threshold languages without the need to make a verbal or written request.⁶ Check for envelopes addressed to the MHP office which receives grievances.
Category 2: Fire Safety Inspection	Criter	ia Met	Guidelines for Certification Reviews
Federal and State Criteria	Yes	No	
Does the space owned, leased or operated by the provider and used for services or staff meet local fire codes?			 Prior to the review, request a current and valid fire clearance from the provider.⁷ Note: The facility cannot be certified without a fire safety inspection that meets local fire codes. A new fire safety inspection may be required if the facility undergoes major renovation or other structural changes. Verify all fire exits are clear and unobstructed.
Category 3: Physical Plant	Criter	ia Met	Guidelines for Certification Reviews
Evaluation Criteria	Yes	No	
1. Is the facility and its property clean, sanitary, and in good repair?			 Tour the facility & observe the building & grounds for actual and potential hazards (e.g. loose/torn carpeting, electrical cords that might pose a hazard, cleaning supplies left out in the open, etc.) (See footnote 8 below).
2. Are all confidential and protected health information (PHI) secure?			 Inspect client records room: Verify client records are maintained confidentially, and are not located where the public can view or have physical access to.

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⁵ CCR, Title 9, Section 1850.205 (c) (1) (B) Posting notices explaining grievance, appeal, and expedited appeal process procedures in locations at all MHP provider sites sufficient to ensure that the information is readily available to both beneficiaries and provider staff. The posted notice shall also explain the availability of fair hearings after the exhaustion of an appeal or expedited appeal process, including information that a fair hearing may be requested whether or not the beneficiary has received a notice of action pursuant to Section 1850.210. For the purposes of this Section, an MHP provider site means any office or facility owned or operated by the MHP or a provider contracting with the MHP at which beneficiaries may obtain specialty mental health services.

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⁶ CCR Title 9, Section 1850.205 (c) (1) (C) Making forms that may be used to file grievances, appeals, and expedited appeals, and self-addressed envelopes available for beneficiaries to pick up at all MHP provider sites without having to make a verbal or written request to anyone.

CCR, Title 9, Section 1810.435 (b) (2) In selecting individual or group providers with which to contract, the MHP shall require that each individual or group provider: (2) Maintain a safe facility.

			 Identify who has access to client records room during & after business hours (See footnote 8 above).
Category 4: Policies and Procedures		ia Met	Guidelines for Certification Reviews
Evaluation Criteria	Yes	No	
 Does the provider have the following policies and procedures and are they being implemented? 			Objects for a with an DODs for deposite time of boards are of size.
A. Confidentiality and Protected Health Information			 Check for written P&Ps for description of how beneficiary confidentiality is in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of personal or medical information.⁸
B. Emergency evacuation			 Verify written P&P on emergency evacuation.
C. Personnel policies and procedures specific to screening licensed personnel/providers and checking the excluded provider lists			 Check the provider's staffing to ensure they hire people who are eligible to bill Federal Financial Participation (FFP), and that people providing specialty mental health services hold valid/current licenses, if applicable, and are not on any excluded/debarred provider lists.
			 Verify the MHP also has a process to verify the above upon hire as well as a timeline as to when periodic verifications will be performed.
			 Note: The MHP cannot employ or contract with individuals or providers excluded from participation in Federal health care programs under either CCR, title 42, section 1128 or section 1128A of the Social Security Act and CFR, title 42, section 438.214.
			 Note: Verify that the MHP's P&Ps identify the two required Excluded Individuals/Entities lists: https://oig.hhs.gov/exclusions/exclusions_list.asp

CCR, Title 9, Section 1810.435 (b) (4) In selecting individual or group providers with which to contract, the MHP shall require that each individual or group provider: (4) Maintain client records in a manner that meets state and federal standards.

⁸ CCR, Title 9, Section 1810.310 (a) (10) A description of policies and procedures that assure beneficiary confidentiality in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of personal or medical information, including mental health information, relating to beneficiaries.

Category 4: Policies and Procedures	Criter	ia Met	Guidelines for Certification Reviews				
Evaluation Criteria	Yes	No					
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D. General operating procedures			 Check for a current administrative manual, which includes: general operating procedures (e.g., hours of operation, disaster procedures, emergency evacuation procedures, etc.).¹⁰ 				
E. Maintenance policy to ensure the safety and well-being of beneficiaries and staff			 Check for the building maintenance policy or the maintenance agreement between the MHP and owner of the building where services are provided.¹¹ 				
F. Service delivery policies			 Check the written P&Ps of services provided at the site. Check for P&Ps regarding types of service, intake process, referral and linkage, length of services, discharge, and discontinuation of services.¹² 				
G. Unusual occurrence reporting (UOR) procedures relating to health and safety issues			 Check for the written P&P for the UOR processes. The county requires that all providers notify the county of any unusual occurrences, deaths, etc.¹³ 				
H. Written procedures for referring individuals to a psychiatrist when necessary, or to a physician, if a psychiatrist is not available			 Check for the written procedures for referring individuals to a psychiatrist when necessary, or to a physician, if a psychiatrist is not available. Many programs do not have this as a written policy. The state does check this. 				

⁹ Social Security Act, Sections 1128 and 1128A; CFR, Title 42, Sections 438.214 and 438.610; DMH Letter No. 10-05

¹⁰ CCR, Title 9, Section 533.

¹¹ CCR, Title 9, Section 1810.435 (b) (2) In selecting individual or group providers with which to contract, the MHP shall require that each individual or group provider: (2) Maintain a safe facility.

¹² CCR, Title 9, Section 1810.209-210, Section 1810.212-213, Section 1810.225, Section 1810.227, and Section 1810.249

¹³ CCR, Title 9, Section 1810.435 (b) (2) In selecting individual or group providers with which to contract, the MHP shall require that each individual or group provider: (2) Maintain a safe facility.

Category 5: Head of Service ¹⁴	Criteria Met		Guidelines for Certification Reviews			
Evaluation Criteria		No				
A. Does the provider have, as head of service, a licensed mental health professional or other appropriate individual as described in CCR, Title 9, § 622 through 630?			 Check to see whether the MHP provider has, as head of service, a licensed mental health professional or other appropriate individual. Obtain a copy of the current and valid license of the provider.¹⁵ Check to see the written P&Ps that providers follow to ensure that staff maintain current and valid licenses. 			

¹⁴ CCR, Title 9, Section 622 Requirements for Professional Personnel. Wherever in these regulations the employment of a particular professional person is required, the minimum qualifications for that person shall be as hereinafter specified in this Article. Required experience shall mean full time equivalent experience. It is intended that these minimum qualifications shall apply to the head or chief of a particular service or professional discipline but not necessarily to subordinate employees of the same profession.

CCR, Title 9, Section 623 Psychiatrist. A psychiatrist who directs a service shall have a license as a physician and surgeon in this state and show evidence of having completed the required course of graduate psychiatric education as specified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in a program of training accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association.

CCR, Title 9, Section 624 Psychologist. A psychologist who directs a service shall have obtained a California license as a psychologist granted by the State Board of Medical Quality Assurance or obtain such licensure within two years following commencement of employment, unless continuously employed in the same program or facility as of January 1, 1979; and shall have two years of post-doctoral experience in a mental health setting.

CCR, Title 9, Section 625 Social Worker. A social worker who directs a service shall have a California license as a clinical social worker granted by the State Board of Behavioral Science Examiners or obtain such licensure within three years following the commencement of employment, unless continuously employed in the same class in the same program or facility as of January 1, 1979, or enrolled in an accredited doctoral program in social work, social welfare, or social science; and shall have two years of post-master's experience in a mental health setting.

CCR, Title 9, Section 626 Marriage, Family and Child Counselor. A marriage, family and child counselor who directs a service shall have obtained a California license as a marriage, family, and child counselor granted by the State Board of Behavioral Science Examiners and have received specific instructions, or its equivalent, as required for licensure on January 1, 1981, and shall have two years of post-master's experience in a mental health setting. The term, specific instruction, contained in Sections 5751 and 5751.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, shall not be limited to school, college, or university classroom instruction, but may include equivalent demonstrated experience in assessment, diagnosis, prognosis, and counseling, and psychotherapeutic treatment of premarital, marriage, family, and child relationship dysfunctions.

CCR, Title 9, Section 627 Nurse. A nurse shall be licensed to practice as a registered nurse by the Board of Nursing Education and Nurse Registration in this State and possess a master's degree in psychiatric or public health nursing, and two years of nursing experience in a mental health setting. Additional post baccalaureate nursing experience in a mental health setting may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for the educational requirement.

CCR, Title 9, Section 628 Licensed Vocational Nurse. A licensed vocational nurse shall have a license to practice vocational nursing by the Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners and possess six years of post-license experience in a mental health setting. Up to four years of college or university education may be substituted for the required vocational nursing experience on a year-for-year basis.

CCR, Title 9, Section 629 Psychiatric Technician. A psychiatric technician shall have a current license to practice as a psychiatric technician by the Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners and six years of post-license experience in a mental health setting. Up to four years of college or university education may be substituted for the required psychiatric technician experience on a year-for-year basis.

CCR, Title 9, Section 630 Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist. A mental health rehabilitation specialist shall be an individual who has a baccalaureate degree and four years of experience in a mental health setting as a specialist in the fields of physical restoration, social adjustment, or vocational adjustment. Up to two years of graduate professional education may be substituted for the experience requirement on a year-for-year basis; up to two years of post-associate arts clinical experience may be substituted for the requirement of four years' experience in a mental health setting.

California Code, Business and Professions Code, Section 4999.20

¹⁵ CCR, Title 9, Section 1810.435 (c) (3) In selecting organizational providers with which to contract, the MHP shall require that each provider: (3) Have as head of service a licensed mental health professional or mental health rehabilitation specialist as described in Section 622 through 630.

CCR, Title 9, Section 680 (a) Outpatient services in Local Mental Health Services shall include:

(a) Minimum Professional Staff. Outpatient services shall be under the direction of a person who qualifies under Section 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629 or 630. In addition to the director, the minimum professional staff shall include a psychiatrist, psychologist, and social worker, except that under special circumstances the Department may authorize the operation of an outpatient service with less personnel. In addition, the staff may include qualified registered nurses and other professional disciplines. A psychiatrist must assume medical responsibility as defined in Section 522, and be present at least half-time during which the services are provided except that under special circumstance the Department may modify this requirement.

Category 5: Head of Service ¹⁴	Criteria Met	Guidelines for Certification Reviews				
Name: Discipline:		Note for outpatient: In addition to the director, the minimum professional staff shall include a psychiatrist, psychologist, and social worker, except that under special circumstances the department may authorize the operation of an outpatient services with less personnel.				

Ca	tegory 7: Medication Support Services	Criter	ia Met	Not Applicable (Provider does <u>not</u> store or maintain meds on site)			
Εv	aluation Criteria	Yes	No	Guidelines for Certification Reviews			
1.	Are there policies and procedures in place for dispensing, administering, and storing medications for each of the following and do practices match policies and procedures?			 Note: Medication Support services are counseling and information, and can be provided without providing medications (pharmaceutical services). If the program provides Medication Support and fails this part of the site certification, the certification cannot be completed until corrections have been made. 			
2.	Are all medications obtained by prescription labeled in compliance with federal and state laws?			 Ask how they ensure prescriptions are labeled in compliance with federal and state laws. Check the medication labels for compliance. Note: Prescription labels may be altered only by persons legally authorized to do so. 			
3.	Are intramuscular multi-dose vials dated and initialed when opened?			 Determine how multi-dose vials are stored. Check the multi-dose vials to see if any opened multi-dose vials are dated, initialed, and refrigerated (e.g. insulin, tuberculin). 			
4.	Are medications intended for external use only, and food stuffs, stored separately from drugs intended for internal use?			 If the provider has any medications intended for external use only, check the labels & expiration dates.¹⁶ Verify that external use only medications are stored separately from oral and injectable medications. No food should be stored in the same refrigerator as medications. 			
	 Are all medications stored at proper temperatures? Room temperature medications at 59° F – 86° F? Refrigerated medications at 36° F – 46° F? 			Ask how they monitor to ensure medications are stored at proper temperatures (See footnote 19 below). Review temperature logs to see whether they are up-to-date. Check room thermometers and refrigerator thermometers to verify that they are at the appropriate temperatures.			
6.	Are medications stored in a locked area with access limited to those medical personnel authorized to prescribe, dispense or administer medication?			 Check the medication storage area and how the area is secured/locked (See footnote 19 below). Ask who has access to the medication storage area or ask to see a list of staff who have access. 			

¹⁶ CCR, Title 9, Section 1810.435 (b) (3) In selecting individual or group providers with which to contract, the MHP shall require that each individual or group provider: (2) Store and dispense medications in compliance with State and federal laws and regulations.

Category 7: Medication Support Services	Criter	ia Met	Not Applicable (Provider does not store or maintain meds on site)			
Evaluation Criteria	Yes	No	Guidelines for Certification Reviews			
			Note: Per the Medical Board regarding Medical Assistants. ¹⁷			
7. Are medications disposed of after the expiration date?			 Ask how expired medications are monitored and checked. Ask how the expired medications are disposed of at the site, the staff involved, and how often this occurs. Verify the location of where the expired medications are stored. Check the expiration dates of the medications stored. For all medications expired and still on the shelf, list the name of the medication and the expiration date in the CAP. 			
8. Is a medication log maintained to ensure the provider disposes of expired, contaminated, deteriorated and abandoned medications in a manner consistent with state and federal laws?			 Ask how they ensure expired, contaminated, deteriorated and abandoned medications are disposed of in a manner consistent with state/federal laws. Ask to see their P&P on how they dispose of expired medications.¹⁸ Ask to see the medication/dispensing log where the expired, contaminated, deteriorated or abandoned medications are recorded. Ask how Schedule II, III, or IV controlled drugs are handled. 			

¹⁷ Medical assistants: 1) are allowed to have access to the keys of the narcotic medication cabinet as long as there is an in-house procedure and the determination to allow this practice is made by the supervising physician or podiatrist; and 2) may hand patients properly-labeled and pre-packaged prescriptions drugs (excluding controlled substances) that have been ordered by a licensed physician, podiatrist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or nurse midwife. The properly-labeled and pre-packaged prescription drug must have the patient's name affixed to the package, and the physician, podiatrist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or nurse midwife must verify it is the correct medication and dosage for that specific patient and provide the appropriate patient consultation regarding use of the drug prior to the medical assistant handing medication to a patient.

¹⁸ CCR, Title 22, Section 73369 (b) (1) (2) Discontinued individual patient's drugs supplied by prescription or those which remain in the facility after discharge shall be destroyed by the facility in the following manner: 1) Drugs listed in Schedules II, III or IV of the Federal Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 shall be destroyed by the facility. The name of the patient, the name and strength of the drug, the prescription number, the amount destroyed, the date of destruction, and the signatures of the witnesses required above shall be recorded in the patient's health record or in a separate log. Such log shall be retained for at least three years. 2) Drugs not listed under Schedules II, III or IV of the Federal Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 shall be destroyed by the facility in the presence of a pharmacist or registered nurse. The name of the patient, the name and strength of the drug, the prescription number, if applicable, the amount destroyed, the date of destruction and the signatures of two witnesses shall be recorded in the patient's health record or in a separate log. Such log shall be retained for at least three years.



ALAMEDA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES (ACBH) SHORT DOYLE/MEDI-CAL PROVIDER SITE CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION PROTOCOL

(C.	Follow/Up or Corrective Action Plan (CAP) (CAPs are required for items where federal and state criteria were not met)									
Is A Follow Up for Certification Require		Yes [No 🗌						
Is A Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Requ	uired?	Yes [No 🗌						
Category and Item	Certifier Notes	Instr	uction on Follow Up	Due Date						
If applicable, date Follow up or CAP ap	proved:		Date:							
a) Date the provider requested certification	on		Date:							
b) Date of fire clearance			Date:							
c) Date provider was operational			Date:							
New certification approval date:			Date:							
New certification approval date is the										
Re-certification approval date: (generally, this is the date of on-site review) Date:										
Report completed by: Date:										



Revision Date	Section(s) Changed	Brief Summary of Change(s)	Staff Member Making the Change
3/29/2022	As Noted	Changed BHCS to ACBH (throughout) and Plan of Correction (POC) to Corrective Action Plan (CAP) (page 10); Removed Day Treatment and Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) from Services Provided section (page 1) (there are now separate Day Treatment- and CSU- specific protocols); Added content/language to ensure consistency with DHCS Oct. 2019 protocol (footnotes/references to DHCS regs, Category 4.1.B. Emergency evacuation, Category 7.3. moved Intramuscular multi-dose vials item from Guidelines to Criteria, footnote 17 re: Medical Assistants); Category 1.1 added Korean & Tagalog as threshold languages; Category 1. added the language Guide to Medi-Cal Mental Health Services to Beneficiary Brochure and added Directory to Provider List as they are synonymous, respectively; Updated dates in footer that reference Last Revised by ACBH and Last Revised by DHCS; Revised formatting.	Torfeh Rejali, QA Administrator
9/16/2022	Category 1.1	Removed Korean and added Arabic as Alameda County threshold languages.	Torfeh Rejali, QA Administrator