

- MEMORANDUM -

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TO: Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) Substance Use Disorder Services (SUD) Providers

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SUBJECT: **Changes to SUD Treatment Plan Template and Assessment Timeframe for Residential Providers**

The purpose of this memo is to announce changes to the SUD Treatment Plan template in Clinician's Gateway (CG), to align with the SABG treatment plan requirements. Additionally, the memo serves to announce a change to required timeframes for completing SUD assessments for SUD residential providers. Both changes go into effect on May 22, 2023.

CG Updates to the SUD Treatment Plan Template

On November 15, 2022, ACBH issued a [memo 2022-58](#), advising SUD providers that receive SAMHSA Substance Abuse Block Grants (SABG), to continue to follow SABG [Treatment Plan requirements](#), noting that these requirements supersede the State guidance communicated in [BHIN 22-019](#).

As SABG Treatment Plan requirements are simpler than those previously established by DHCS, the SUD Treatment Plan template in CG was revised, removing the DHCS required elements and aligning the fields with the SABG requirements, thereby reducing administrative burden on providers.

The new Treatment Plan template is titled **SUD Plan**. The template will be rolled out shortly after the training and can be utilized immediately. However, the use of this template is not required until May 22, 2023, at which time the previous Treatment Plan template will be removed from CG.

Assessment Timeframe for Residential Providers (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5)

[BHIN 21-001, Exhibit A, page 8](#), describes the requirement for completion of a multidimensional assessment by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) within 72 hours of admission¹.

¹ Per DHCS, the following staff type may conduct and complete the assessment when a LPHA reviews and approves the assessment and makes the final determination of care: An alcohol or other drug counselor that is either certified or registered by an organization recognized by DHCS and accredited with the NCCA and meets all of the applicable California state qualifications.





The table below was created as a reference guide to assist providers with tracking the ASAM requirements. The change to timeframe for completion of residential assessments will go into effect on May 22, 2023.

Level of Care	ASAM Requirements at Initial Assessment	ASAM Requirements Ongoing
Level 1 OS (Outpatient Services) Level 2.1 IOS (Intensive Outpatient Services) Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP/NTP)	Full ASAM assessment required within 30 days for adult or within 60 days if under 21 years old or homeless.	When beneficiary's condition changes.
Level 3.1 Residential – Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Services Level 3.3 Residential - Clinically Managed Population – Specific High Intensity Residential Services Level 3.5 Residential - Clinically Managed High Intensity Residential Services	Full ASAM assessment required within 72 hours of admission. COUNTY NOTE: Per UM prior authorization policy, a brief Portal ALOC screener will be completed by a SUD portal prior to admission.	When beneficiary's condition changes COUNTY NOTE: Per UM, for authorization beyond the first 30 days, providers can either complete another ASAM in CG <u>OR</u> the ASAM section that is contained in the Authorization Request Form.
Level 3.2-WM Residential Clinically Managed Withdrawal Management Level	Brief ASAM assessment required within 72 hours of admission. May complete only the clinically relevant ASAM dimensions.	When beneficiary's condition changes COUNTY NOTE: Update the ASAM assessment prior to discharge if beneficiary's condition or referral information has changed.

Training Plan

The ACBH Quality Assurance team has scheduled a training/demo of the SUD Treatment Plan template on May 3rd, 2023. Additionally, the team will attend and demo the note during the next SUD Provider Meeting on May 4th.

SUD Treatment Plan Note Training/Demo Wednesday May 3, 2023, 1:00-2:00 P.M.

Link to Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8610598144639343445>

This training will be recorded and posted on the QA Training page.



SUD Provider Meeting
Thursday May 4, 2023, 9:30-11:00 A.M.
QA will demo the note during this meeting

Link to meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/819574197>

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