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Date: July 30, 2015
To: Children's System of Care and Transition Age Youth Providers
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RE: 30-Day Notice: CFE to CANS and ANSA-T Transition

Effective **September 1, 2015**, all Children's System of Care and Transition Age Youth programs will begin administering the **Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)** and **Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment – Transition to Adulthood (ANSA-T)** tools. On September 1, 2015 the CANS and ANSA-T tools will officially replace the administration of the Community Functioning Evaluation (CFE). This System-wide start date for the CANS and ANSA-T **is not** contingent upon your **Objective Arts - Service Management Record (OA-SMR)** Onboarding date. All CSOC and TAY providers will start implementing the CANS and ANSA-T on Sept. 1, 2015 regardless of whether you are using the OA-SMR Automated CANS/ANSA System for data input or not.

Procedure:

1. All existing charts as of September 2015 require an Initial CANS/ANSA-T Assessment at the time of the next required update of the assessment or treatment plan.
2. All new charts opened in September 2015 or later require an Initial CANS/ANSA-T Assessment within 60 days from Episode Opening Date. This is typically falls between the Full Assessment due date (30 days) and Treatment Plan due date (60 days).
3. Should your OA-SMR Onboarding date be delayed beyond the month of September 2015, please proceed with administering the paper CANS/ANSA-T and hold onto them so that they may be entered into the OA-SMR System once your organization goes live.
4. The expectation is to enter up to 90 days of paper CANS/ANSA-T assessments into the OA-SMR system from Onboarding "Go Live" date. For example, if your OA-SMR Onboarding date is November 1, 2015; then the expectation is to enter all of your CANS/ANSA-T assessments from the months of September and October into the OA-SMR System.
5. Optional: If you have already implemented the CANS and ANSA-T, you may opt to also enter your assessments from July and August 2015. The OA-SMR System will accept CANS/ANSA-T assessments completed on or after July 1, 2015.

