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DATE: November 16, 2017
TO: All ACBHCS County & Contracted Behavioral Health Providers
FROM: ACBHCS Quality Assurance Department
RE: Implementation of CA BBS Title Change (“Intern” to “Associate”): MFT and PCC Interns

Per the CA Board of Behavioral Sciences (http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/title_change_faq.pdf), effective 1/1/18, the titles for marriage and family therapist interns and professional clinical counselor interns will change, as follows:

- Marriage and family therapist registrants must use the title “Associate Marriage and Family Therapist” or “Registered Associate Marriage and Family Therapist.”
- Professional clinical counselor registrants must use the title “Associate Professional Clinical Counselor” or “Registered Associate Professional Clinical Counselor.”

When Interns are charting, effective 1/1/18, clinical documents are expected to reflect this change. ACBHCS will accept either the “Associate” or “Registered Associate” for both MFT and PCC registrants.

The Board has not issued guidance on what specific abbreviations may be utilized to reflect these titles. When it does, we will alert providers to that as well. (We expect it will be AMFT/RAMFT and APCC/RAPCC—and if so we would accept any of those for signing purposes in the medical record.)

If you have any questions about this, your Quality Assurance Coordinator may contact the QA TA contacts as below.

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