


- MEMORANDUM -

DATE: January 7, 2022

TO: ACBH Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) Providers Serving Children and Young Adults

FROM: Torfeh Rejali, LMFT, Quality Assurance Administrator 

SUBJECT: Implementation Update and Training Opportunity: Individualized Determinations of Need for Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS), and Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)

The purpose of this memorandum is to review the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requirement for individualized determination of each child/youth's need for ICC, IHBS and TFC, and the revisions made to the ACBH assessment template to support agencies with completing this requirement. **This memo only applies to providers serving the children and young adult population under the age of 21.**

DHCS released [Behavioral Health Information Notice No. 21-058](#) on September 17, 2021, reminding Mental Health Plans (MHPs) of their obligation to ensure that all children and youth under the age of 21 who meet medical necessity criteria be assessed and referred for ICC, IHBS and TFC. Per DHCS, membership in the Katie A. class or subclass and having an open child welfare services case is not a requirement for receiving medically necessary ICC, IHBS, or TFC. Additional information about this requirement can be found below:

[Medi-Cal Manual for ICC, IHBS, and TFC Services](#)
[Court Documentation \(ca.gov\)](#)
[Behavioral Health Information Notice No.: 21-058](#)

Effective **March 7, 2022**, individualized determinations of each child's/youth's need for ICC, IHBS, and TFC should be clearly documented in the child/youth's Specialty Mental Health Assessment for all new clients. For existing clients, this evaluation should be completed at the time of annual reassessment or sooner, if determined that the client is in need of these services. Please note: This requirement will not change as a result of the Cal-AIM initiatives.

ACBH Quality Assurance (QA) Team, in partnership with the ACBH Children/Adolescent System of Care, has developed the checklist below that can be used to document compliance with this requirement. A section was added to the Specialty Mental Health Assessment template entitled *Intensive Service Needs Assessment for ICC, IHBS, and TFC* that includes this checklist. Efforts are under way to update Clinicians Gateway (CG) with this checklist. In the interim, providers using CG, or those using their own Electronic Health Record system, are advised to enter the child/youth's individualized determination of need for ICC, IHBS, and TFC in the *Developmental History section* of the Assessment.





Intensive Service Needs Assessment: ICC/IHBS/TFC		
<p>All beneficiaries with full-scope Medi-Cal under 21 years old must be assessed to determine if they qualify for and need any of the following: Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS), and Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC). Links to Referral Forms in English are provided below. For Referral Forms in Spanish, use this website: Child & Youth Services – Alameda County Behavioral Health (acbhcs.org)</p>		
<p>Based upon the clinical assessment, indicate if any of the services below are needed:</p>		
<p>Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) is needed and cannot be adequately provided under standard mental health case management services.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Already Connected	<p>If checked, referral required ICC Referral Form</p>
<p>Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS) are needed to assist the child/youth in building the skills necessary to successfully function at home and in the community and to assist their family in supporting the child/youth in achieving this goal. These services cannot be adequately provided under standard mental health case management services.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Already Connected	<p>If checked, contact the ICC provider listed on the face sheet to recommend IHBS at next Child and Family Team Meeting (CFT)</p>
<p>Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) services are needed to address the child/youth’s severe emotional issues by providing intensive therapeutic and behavior management services in an in-home, family-based care setting.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Already Connected	<p>If checked, contact the Child and Family Team facilitator (from ICC, Child Welfare, or Probation) to make the recommendation for TFC</p>

ACBH QA will be offering a live training on **January 27, 2022 from 9am-10am** and recorded sessions will be made available after that date. Please use this link to register for the live training: [registration link](#).

Please contact Quality Assurance Technical Assistance with any questions or concerns at QATA@acgov.org.

