


- MEMORANDUM -

DATE: March 25, 2022

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

FROM: Torfeh Rejali, LMFT, Quality Assurance Administrator 

SUBJECT: Changes to Clinician Gateway (CG) to capture required screening of 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 announce updates to County's Electronic Health Record, Clinician Gateway (CG) to capture required screening of the need for ICC, IHBS and TFC. **This memo only applies to providers serving the children and young adult population under the age of 21.**

Background

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.

On January 7, 2022, ACBH Quality Assurance (QA) Team issued a memo [Alameda County Behavioral Health \(acbhcs.org\)](#) reminding providers of this requirement and providing an optional checklist that could be used to document compliance with this requirement while awaiting updates to CG.

CG Updates

Effective **April 1, 2022**, the Specialty Mental Health Assessment template in CG will be updated to include a section titled *Intensive Service Needs Assessment for ICC, IHBS, and TFC*. See below screenshot. Providers using CG should complete this template when assessing children and young adults under the age of 21.





Intensive Service Needs Assessment: ICC/IHBS/TFC

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 \(acbhcs.org\)](#)

Based upon the clinical assessment, indicate if any of the services below are needed:

<p>Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) is needed and cannot be adequately provided under standard mental health case management services.</p>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Already Connected <input type="radio"/> Declined Services	<p>If Yes, 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 developing the skills needed to support the child/youth in achieving this goal. These services cannot be adequately provided under standard mental health case management services.</p>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Already Connected <input type="radio"/> Declined Services	<p>If Yes, 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="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Already Connected <input type="radio"/> Declined Services	<p>If Yes, contact the Child and Family Team facilitator (from ICC, Child Welfare, or Probation) to make the recommendation for TFC</p>

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



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