

Memo

Date: December 8, 2025
To: Alameda County Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS)
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Subject: TIPS Sheet: Assessment Coding for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to notify SMHS providers that in partnership with the Behavioral Health Collaborative, a new TIPS (Treatment, Interventions, Protocols and Suggestions) reference guide is now available on the ACBHD provider website. TIPS are used to clarify processes and/or regulations that can be confusing or complicated.

Published TIPS

A new TIPS sheet titled [Assessment Coding for Specialty Mental Health Services](#) has been published in Section 20 of the [QA Manual page](#) on the ACBHD Provider website.

Disclaimer

TIPS sheets complement, but do not replace, provider-specific policies. Staff must comply with evolving standards, laws and organizational requirements. Guidance may change to reflect regulatory and contractual updates.

Providers are encouraged to continue to utilize the myriad of other resources that are available on the [QA Manual](#) and QA [Training pages](#) on the ACBHD Provider website for information.

Next Steps

Please share this information with others at your agency, as appropriate.

Support

Providers are invited to join monthly QA Brown Bag meetings where this and other relevant information are discussed. Meeting details and links can be found on the [QA Training page](#).

For questions, please contact QATA@acgov.org.