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AB109 Procedures for BHCS Contracted Providers of Level Two Services

Dear Alameda County Level Two Provider:

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services Agency is implementing procedures for clients age 18 and over who need mental health and/or substance use treatment services and are under the supervision of County Probation or Jail through Assembly Bill 109 (AB109). AB109 is part of a large-scale prison reform initiative that involves the realignment of some state correction funds and responsibilities to the counties. Offenders who are included were incarcerated most recently for a felony charge that was deemed not serious, not violent and not a sex offense (triple-non). They were either:

1. released from state prison under Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS) through the County Probation Department rather than undergoing parole;
2. sentenced to County Jail rather than State Prison, and subsequently released under Mandatory Supervision through the County Probation Department (rather than undergoing parole);
3. in violation of their parole for an offense that was deemed a triple-non, and later released under PRCS through the County Probation Department.

We are sending this letter in case you receive referrals of AB109 clients. Following is a description of referral procedures, documentation requirements, types of payment coverage, and linkages to other services.

Referral procedures

1. Offenders released from prison or jail to supervision by County Probation under AB109 guidelines must report to Probation within 48 hours of their release and receive a risk assessment that includes the addressing of mental health and substance use disorder problems.
2. If the offender and/or the Probation Officer decide there may be need for treatment, then Probation sends a referral to BHCS ACCESS for a telephone screening.
3. If the ACCESS staff member conducting the screening determines the client may need Crisis, Level One or Level Two mental health treatment services, he or she will make a referral to the Crisis Response Program (CRP) per usual procedures.
4. CRP will in turn conduct an assessment. If CRP determines the client has HealthPAC coverage and is in need of Level Two treatment services, they will refer the client to a Level Two treatment program. The referral will be communicated to the client, the program provider, and the Probation Officer.
5. When contacted by the prospective client for an intake, the program provider should communicate clearly to the client an appointment date and time. The prospective client is responsible to report this back to his or her Probation Officer.
6. Referrals are based upon current information from screenings by Probation, ACCESS and CRP. The prospective client is expected to initiate service with you within the first few days of the referral letter.
7. All other HealthPAC-related referral procedures apply, such as those involving communication between the Level Two provider and the primary care home for the client.



Documentation

1. Our referral to you is based upon an initial request from Probation. We ask that you contact the Probation Officer for the client after the first visit to inform them that you have begun services with their client. Please do this by completing and faxing the brief "Commencement of Behavioral Health Services for AB109 Clients" form provided to you by Fax from CRP. To do so, you will also need to obtain a signed release of information from the client.
2. Probation will provide you with a one-page "AB109 Behavioral Health Service Progress Report" form to complete and fax to them on a monthly basis.
3. The chart documentation standards for AB109 clients are the same as for HealthPAC consumers. All documentation must meet medical and service necessity for the provided services.

Payment coverage for services

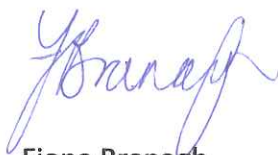
1. Types of coverage that apply:
 - **HealthPAC:** Most AB109 clients are likely to be eligible for physical and mental health coverage through HealthPAC, the county's low income health plan. Only those already enrolled in HealthPAC, will be referred to you. Follow all eligibility checking and all claiming procedures applicable to HealthPAC.
2. Reimbursement for reports
 - Probation will request a progress report from providers on the attached form. For each client you will submit a separate report for each month of service and upon discharge. BHCS will reimburse at the rate of \$20 per report. A new procedure code (792) has been created for this purpose and it will appear on your 854 report. Be sure to include this on your invoice on the line "Other".

Linkages to other services

1. Physical health care:
 - Please refer AB109 clients who are enrolled in HealthPAC to their primary care home for any emerging physical problem.
2. Substance use treatment:
 - Most AB109 clients will not have any coverage for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services. However, several SUD treatment providers have general types of federal and county funding that can accommodate them. Please refer AB109 clients with SUD treatment needs to ACCESS for an appropriate referral.

If you have questions regarding the AB 109 program, please contact Dave Abramson at (510) 567-8100. For invoicing/contract question please contact your Fiscal Contract Manager in the Network Office.

Sincerely,



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