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To: Executive Director
Behavioral Health Directors
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From: Thomas F. Best, Director
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Re: Update on Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS) Development,
Testing, and Implementation

Reminders

CMBHS is going "live" for mental health beginning September 1, 2013 with a statewide rollout. Providers are expected to submit accurate and timely data. The attached table represents how data may be submitted to DSHS beginning September 1, 2013.

The CMBHS Technical Readiness Schedule for Data Exchange remains unchanged since the last broadcast message (Broadcast MSG0693). LMHAs should follow the schedule to ensure they are prepared to exchange data with DSHS on September 1, 2013.

CMBHS Technical Readiness Schedule for Data Exchange - LMHAs

Activity	Date
Child-related data exchange testing period begins	3/1/2013
Child-related data exchange testing period ends	5/3/2013
Adult-related data exchange testing period begins	5/6/2013
Child technical readiness attestation due to DSHS	5/15/2013
Adult-related data exchange testing period ends	7/3/2013
Adult technical readiness attestation due to DSHS	7/15/2013
Go-live date for using new Uniform Assessments (batch and CMBHS online)	9/1/2013

Testing services will be unavailable May 4th and 5th to accommodate the migration of CARE production data to support testing of adult data submission testing.

Attestation Forms Due to DSHS May 15 and July 15

The attestation forms for both the child and adolescent uniform assessment and the adult uniform assessment have been added as two new tabs on the CMBHS Test Plan and Schedule posted to the CMBHS Documentation website in the Broadcast Messages folder, <https://cmbhslst.dshs.state.tx.us/cmbhs/Documents/Broadcast%20Messages/>. When each section of testing (Child/Adolescent and Adult) is complete, LMHAs should complete the relevant attestation form and return it to performance.contracts@dshs.state.tx.us with a copy to the assigned DSHS contract manager, cmbhs@dshs.state.tx.us, and cmbhs.data.exchange@dshs.state.tx.us. The Child and Adolescent attestation form is due to DSHS by **May 15, 2013** and the Adult attestation form is due to DSHS by **July 15, 2013**.

Update Notices to CMBHS Documentation Website via Email

DSHS is releasing a new service for communicating updates to the CMBHS Documentation website. Interested parties may now sign up to receive email notifications when the CMBHS Documentation website is updated. DSHS strongly encourages LMHA executive leadership, clinical leadership, and information technology leadership to [sign up](#) for this service.

Assessment Training

All clinicians using the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths assessment (CANS) and the Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA) must be certified. DSHS, in partnership with a third party, will make a web-based training course and certification services available beginning on or about June 1, 2013. Regional, in person, training will be available in mid-June 2013. More information will be available soon on the CMBHS Documentation website. If you [sign up](#) for website update notices, you will be informed when the information becomes available.

NorthSTAR Providers

Information for NorthSTAR providers will be communicated through ValueOptions and the DSHS NorthSTAR office.

Questions

Please direct any questions to cmbhs@dshs.state.tx.us.