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To: Executive Director, Behavioral Health Directors, and Information Technology Directors
Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)
Value Options, NorthSTAR
North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA)

From: Tom Best, Section Director, Contractor Services Section, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division

Re: Update on transition to new assessments and reporting requirements; reminder to submit questionnaire regarding data submission and training; and the Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA) in CMBHS demonstration webinar

Update on New Assessments and Reporting Requirements

Reminder

On September 1, 2013 the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is requiring the use of new child and adult uniform assessments and the use of new procedures for submitting mental health data to DSHS. These changes do not affect substance abuse treatment services. This information has been previously communicated to contractors through broadcast messages and through meetings with various stakeholder groups.

Update on Migration Plan for Service Package Authorizations

On December 19, 2012 DSHS distributed Performance Contracts Broadcast MSG#0687 regarding the migration plan for the ongoing Resiliency and Disease Management (RDM) service package authorizations to Texas Resilience and Recovery (TRR) authorizations. This plan was developed in consultation with the Texas Council of Community Centers Information Management Consortium (IMC), ValueOptions, and the RDM Steering Committee, and it includes a crosswalk outlining how pre- September 1, 2013 level of care authorizations from the Client Assignment and Registration (CARE) system will transition to TRR authorizations in CMBHS on September 1, 2013, using the standing re-assessment and re-authorization timeframes/schedules to the greatest extent possible.

The plan has recently been updated to include Level of Care Authorized (LOC-A) service packages 0, 5, and 8 and is available for download at

<https://cmbhslst.dshs.state.tx.us/cmbhs/Documents/Broadcast%20Messages/>.

Please send all questions on the Adult RDM migration to Anna.Sonenthal@dshs.state.tx.us and the Child RDM migration to Tegan.Henke@dshs.state.tx.us.

Data Exchange Testing Reminder

Testing for adherence to the new data format and requirements begins March 1st for child-related data and May 1st for adult-related data. Please contact Cmbhs.DataExchange@dshs.state.tx.us for

additional information.

Training Reminder

All clinicians must be certified to administer the ANSA or the Child Assessment of Needs and Strengths (CANS). DSHS will make web-based training available to providers beginning in June. DSHS will also be providing regional, in-person “Local Expert” training for small numbers of staff at each provider.

Questionnaire and Webinar Reminder

In Performance Contracts Broadcast MSG#0689 distributed January 18, 2013 (See <https://cmbhslst.dshs.state.tx.us/cmbhs/Documents/Broadcast%20Messages/Broadcast%20MSG0689.pdf>), DSHS requested LMHAs return a questionnaire regarding data submission and assessment certification training by March 1. Please submit the questionnaire as instructed in the broadcast.

There will be a webinar demonstrating the ANSA in CMBHS on February 21, 2013. Please register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/595031266>. If you have any questions please contact Steve Eichner at steve.eichner@dshs.state.tx.us.

Summary of Key Technical Readiness Dates

This table is provided for your convenience and reflects the dates included above.

Activity	Date
Child-related assessment technical material first production version released to providers	September 2012
Adult-related assessment technical material first production version released to providers	1/18/2013
Questionnaire on implementation and training due to DSHS	3/1/2013
Child-related data exchange testing period begins	3/1/2013
Child-related data exchange testing period ends	4/30/2013
Child technical readiness attestation due to DSHS	5/15/2013
Adult-related data exchange testing period begins	5/1/2013
Adult-related data exchange testing period ends	6/28/2013
Adult technical readiness attestation due to DSHS	7/15/2013
Go-live date for using new Uniform Assessments (batching and CMBHS Online)	9/1/2013