

Monterey County Behavioral Health, Quality Improvement

RE:	Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-35)
FORM REFERENCE	PSC 35
REFERENCES	MHSUDS IN 17-052 MHSUDS IN 18-048 BHIN 22-019
EFFECTIVE	April 3, 2023

March 28, 2023

The Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) outline the requirements for completing the Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-35). The PSC-35 is a psychosocial screening tool designed to facilitate the recognition of cognitive, emotional, and behavioral problems so appropriate interventions can be initiated as early as possible.

The purpose of this memo is to communicate the **transition from using the PSC-35 URL to a form in Avatar** when entering this data. The procedures set forth change any previously set standards by Monterey County Behavioral Health (MCBH) for completing the PSC-35 and shall supersede previous instruction regarding the completion of this tool.

Procedures

- Effective: April 1, 2023
- These changes affect County and Contracted Provider programs
- The Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-35) is no longer to be completed via the previously used URL, and is now available as a Form:
 - Search for the form "**PSC 35**"
 - Shall be completed by **ALL** Access to Treatment and Children's programs
 - Completed by child/youth's caregiver
 - Completed for all beneficiaries ages 3 through 18
- Frequency
 - At the start of treatment
 - Update every 6-months
 - At time of discharge