

# Monterey County Behavioral Health, Quality Improvement

RE:	Elimination of Withdrawal Management SUD Assessment
Reference	<u>Behavioral Health Information Notice 21-001: Level of Care Designations/Certifications for AOD Treatment Facilities</u> <u>Behavioral Health Information Notice 23-001: Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Requirements for the Period of 2022 – 2026</u>
Effective	July 1, 2023

August 3, 2023

In alignment with Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Requirements outlined by the Department of Health Care Services, effective **July 1, 2023**, a full SUD Assessment shall not be required as a condition of admission to a facility providing withdrawal management. Completion of the SUD Screening Tool shall be sufficient for withdrawal management admission and treatment.

## Procedure

1. After the beneficiary is screened for initial placement and the outcome indicates withdrawal management level of care, the SUD provider shall open the beneficiary to withdrawal management services.
  - a. If there is no availability in withdrawal management, the SUD provider must offer and provide interim services if the beneficiary is agreeable, including outpatient/intensive outpatient services (Note: SUD providers must complete necessary paperwork and requirements as needed for these episodes).
2. All persons in care receiving clinically appropriate and covered DMC-ODS services require an appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code for reimbursement for any level of care.
3. For transitions of care following withdrawal management, the following is appropriate:
  - a. For Residential 3.1/3.5, a full SUD Assessment must be completed and authorized prior to transitioning the beneficiary to this level of care.
  - b. For OP/IOP, a full SUD Assessment shall be completed within 30 days following the first visit with an LPHA or 60 days for beneficiaries under age 21 or if the beneficiary is experiencing homelessness and therefore requires additional time to complete the assessment.