

Monterey County Behavioral Health, Quality Improvement

RE:	Discontinuing the Mental Status MC Form in Avatar
Reference	Behavioral Health Information Notice No.: 22-019 : Documentation requirements for all Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), Drug Medi-Cal (DMC), and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) services
Forms	Mental Status MC, Mental Status Exam (MSE)
Issue Date	5/2/2024
Effective	6/1/2024

Topic

In alignment with CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal) and as a way to promote improvements on documentation time, Monterey County Behavioral Health will no longer require the completion of the Mental Status MC form in Avatar however a Mental Status Exam (MSE) is still needed as part of the CalAIM Assessment.

Procedure

1. **Effective 6/1/2024.**
2. The **Mental Status MC form in Avatar will no longer be required** and will be deactivated.
3. The **MSE will continue to be integration into CalAIM Assessment** and will have a separate narrative box under **Domain 1: Presenting Problem(s)**.
4. The MSE will be omitted from the 316 Case Coordinator Master Compliance report and the widget within the CalAIM Assessment form.
5. Annual updates to the MSE will be tracked and monitored through program utilization reviews.