

Monterey County Behavioral Health Policy and Procedure

Policy Number	494
Policy Title	Service Verification
References	None
Form	Attachment 1 (Service Verification Report-Avatar Form 737) Attachment 2 (Satisfaction Survey) Attachment 3 (Script)
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Policy

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3 In response to a State mandate to verify claimed mental health services, Quality Improvement 4 (QI) staff will be conducting telephone surveys of beneficiaries who received services within the 5 past 7 days of the survey date. A random sample of 1% of all services rendered and billed 6 (including those billed by contract providers) in a given day will trigger a service verification 7 telephone survey within 7 days of the service. Surveys will emphasize the service verification 8 first and foremost per the State mandate. Clients or their parent/guardian will be provided an 9 opportunity to give additional feedback related to services if desired. Additionally, if a client 10 refuses to participate in a survey another beneficiary who was seen by the same provider will 11 be contacted. If the next client contacted refuses to participate, the process will repeat until a 12 client participates in the survey or the selection of clients seen by that provider is exhausted. 13 14

15 **Procedure**

1. QI staff will log in to Avatar and pull up the Service Verification Report (#737—See
Attachment 1) and will then enter the date that is being surveyed. This report will
provide a random sample of 1% of all services rendered and billed (including those
billed by contract providers) in a given day.

2. QI staff will also open the "Satisfaction Survey" form (See Attachment 2) on Avatar.
This is where the survey questions are located and where the client answers/feedback
will be logged.

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26 3. QI staff will use a "script" (See attachment 3) when conducting the survey with the 27 client (or parent/guardian if applicable) to guide the survey.

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4. The answers/feedback will be logged on the "Satisfaction Survey" form on Avatar and
the information will be submitted via the "Submit" button on the top left portion of the
"Satisfaction Survey" screen.

Attachment 1

737 Service Verification Report 🔹 😱						
737 Service Verification Process	Enter Date or T for today					

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Attachment 2

 Service ID	Were the services you received helpful?	
Did the Clent verify the service?	Were you satisfied with the services?	
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SCRIPT FOR SERVICE VERIFICATION TELEPHONE SURVEY

"Hello, my name is ______and I am calling from Monterey County Behavioral Health. Would you be willing to answer 3 quick questions about the services that you (or your child) received within the past week? Any information you share with me today will be completely confidential. You will also have the chance to provide additional feedback if you wish to do so."

(Refer to questions on report)

"Thank you very much for taking the time to provide feedback. Do you have any additional comments you would like to provide? Thank you again for your time."

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