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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
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CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
CALIFORNIA CONSORTIUM OF ADDICTION PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONALS

SUBJECT: SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM UPDATE IN THE DATA COLLECTION REPORTING SYSTEM

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Information Notice is to notify counties about the update to the Data Collection Reporting (DCR) system. Starting in late October (2019), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will be updating the Residential Information section of the DCR to include Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) for reporting purposes.

Summary of the DCR STRTP Update Process

DHCS will be updating the Residential Information section of the DCR to include STRTP for reporting purposes. This update will impact the Participant Assessment Form, Key Event Tracking Form and Quarterly Assessment form for Child/Youth (Ages 0–15 Years) and Transition Age Youth (Ages 16-25 Years).

DHCS will be conducting User Acceptance Testing (UAT) of the STRTP update in DCR starting on the first week of September 2019 (09/05/2019). UAT is estimated to be completed during the second week of October 2019 (10/09/2019). After UAT is completed, DHCS will initiate the update in the DCR system. This update is expected to

be completed within two days and is tentatively scheduled to occur during the final week of October 2019 (10/30/2019). The DCR system will not be available to users while the STRTP update is being implemented. During this time, counties will not be able to use the DCR Online system to submit data. All users of the DCR system will be notified when the system is taken offline via a message on the home screen of the DCR in the Behavioral Health Information System (BHIS). The DCR system will “go live” in BHIS when the STRTP update has been completed (10/30/2019). Please note this planned change only affects the DCR system. BHIS will continue to be the access portal for other systems currently in BHIS (e.g., the Client and Services Information system).

County Actions

For counties that utilize batch submissions (XML uploads), please log into BHIS and navigate to the Help section to download the latest version of the User Manual for DCR. Within the User Manual, an updated XML Schema for the DCR STRTP update will be available.

Timeline of Events

- UAT will begin on the first week of September 2019 (09/05/2019) and will be completed on the second week of October 2019 (10/09/2019).
- The DCR system will not be available to users while the system is being updated, which is tentatively scheduled to occur during the last week of October 2019 (10/30/2019).
- The DCR system is scheduled to “go live” with the STRTP update during the last week of October 2019 (10/30/2019).

If you have any questions related to the content of this information notice, please send an email to the Mental Health Analytics Section at MHSData@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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