Integrated System News Bulletin

New Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Community Outreach Services (COS) Age Categories and Date Field Validation

Attention: Local Plan Providers

STOP – Impact on You

Beginning July 1, 2008, the COS age categories will be revised so that age categories no longer overlap and are compatible with the MHSA age categories. All programs including non-MHSA programs should select one of the four age categories. The predominant age category should be selected when delivering a COS that includes two or more age groups.

CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Effective July 1, 2008, these new age categories will be added to the Age Category drop down list located on the "**Add Community Service**" screen. The display of the Age Category drop down list will be based on the date of service (DOS) field.

- If you enter a COS with a DOS on or after 7/1/2008, the following new Age Category drop down list will be displayed:

0 -15
16 - 25
26 - 59
60 +
Unknown

- If you enter a COS with a DOS prior to 7/1/2008, the following existing Age Category drop down list will be displayed:

0 -12
0 -17
13-17
18-24
18-59
25-44
45-59
60+
Unknown

- If you enter a COS and omit the DOS field, the Age Category drop down list will be blank.

- If you modify the DOS of an existing COS, the Age Category field will be blank. You must select an age group from the Age Category drop down list in order to save the change. If you save the change and omit the Age Category field, the following error message will be displayed:

GO – What You Need to Do

The COS fillable form and COS codes have also been revised to reflect the new MHSA age categories; they are published on the IS website. Please click on the corresponding below links to download the information:
http://dmh.lacounty.gov/hipaa/do_ISForms_Clinical.htm (Directly Operated Clinics)
http://dmh.lacounty.gov/hipaa/cp_ISForms_Clinical.htm (Contract Providers)
Any further questions regarding the date field validation and the Age Category drop down list should be addressed to the Help Desk at (213) 351-1335.