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The requirements from the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) on where Medi-Cal clients can file complaints regarding psychotherapy services received from mental health counselors identified as psychotherapists and credentialed in the Fee- For- Service Network.

Effective July 1, 2020 all psychotherapists (Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, Professional Clinical Counselors, whether licensed, registered or a student) are required to provide a notice to each of their clients, for whom they are providing psychotherapy, stating where clients can file a complaint. This regulation can be reviewed in AB 630, Chapter 229, Statutes of 2019. This includes all LCSW, LMFT, and LPCC practitioners.

This is a new regulation established by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) to licensed mental health providers who are contracted to provide mental health psychotherapy services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This notification can be located in the BBSE website <https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/ab630.pdf>

For new clients you are required to provide this notice prior to the initial psychotherapy session.

For existing clients provide the notice at the next session after July 1, 2020.

This notice must be completed for each practitioner who provides psychotherapy. If the client transfers to a new psychotherapist, a new notice must be completed by the new psychotherapist.

FFS Providers can use the form provided by Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (MH 740) or create their own form. If a psychotherapist develops their own form then all the required elements in MH 740 must be included in the self-developed form. This ensures that Fee-For-Service Network Psychotherapists meet the BBSE regulations and DMH Policy on *Notice to Psychotherapy Clients*.

Please view attached LACDMH MH 740 form. There are two pages to MH 740 form. The first page provides information to the client and must be given in person, mailed or emailed with PHI [secure]. The second page is an attestation by the psychotherapist and must be completed and placed into the client's health record.

The Fee For Service Provider Network does not allow pre-licensed mental health providers to render services and claim in the LMPH of Los Angeles County.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the FFS Hotline at (213) 738- 3311 or send an email [to: FFS2@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:FFS2@dmh.lacounty.gov)

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