



## IN THIS EDITION:

Clinician's Gateway Updates  
DMC-ODS Practice Guidelines Updates  
SUS UR Activities  
Medi-Cal Asset Changes  
Farewell to BHRS Director Jei Africa  
Contact Information

### Clinician's Gateway Updates

Clinician's Gateway has been upgraded with New Release 3.7.18. New features include:

- Problem List and Service Time
- Scheduler
- Other items listed in attached PDF document

**Important - Phase 2 of the problem list which is currently in development will not show ICD 10 codes which are not authorized to the user. Right now, all the codes show up and then you get the red message if it is not a valid code for your license type.**

Please see attached for step-by-step instructions on how the new updates impact functioning. Please contact [bhrsehr@marincounty.org](mailto:bhrsehr@marincounty.org) for questions.

### DMC-ODS Updates to Practice Guidelines

DMC-ODS Documentation Redesign and Practice Guidelines Updates:

Marin BHRS has posted to the BHRS website an update to the [Substance Use Services Clinical Practice and Administrative Guidelines](#) and the [BHRS Policy on Documentation Requirements](#). The primary changes to the Practice Guidelines are incorporating the CalAIM Documentation Redesign references and resources.

Please remember that CalMHSA has completed all of the [DMC-ODS Documentation Manuals](#) and all DMC-ODS staff are required to participate in Documentation training. CalMHSA has prepared free on-demand documentation training and a dashboard to track training completion. CalMHSA's Documentation manuals and Learning Management system can be accessed at: <https://www.calmhsa.org/calaim2/>.

### SUS UR Activities

As we implement the various changes with Documentation Redesign, we will also be revising our UR activities. Below is a summary, but we realize a great deal of this is new, so please reach out to your UR and Contract Manager liaisons with any questions that arise:

UR Reviews: This month we concluded our UR reviews for FY 2021-22 and so reviews for FY 2022-23 files will incorporate the new requirements under CalAIM. In August, the UR team will perform a "UR

Light” for July services to get a pulse on implementation and provide/identify any technical assistance needs. They will also do some periodic reviews and offer continued technical assistance in September. In October, we will begin implementing quarterly (rather than monthly) UR reviews and review a sample of files. The UR Specialists will coordinate with you directly on scheduling.

Chart Review Template: The UR team is developing an updated UR template. We will share the tool with you once it is completed in case you would like to use it for your regular internal URs.

Documentation Manuals and Documentation Training: Please remember that CalMHSA has completed all of the [DMC-ODS Documentation Manuals](#) and all DMC-ODS staff are required to participate in Documentation training. CalMHSA has prepared free on-demand documentation training and a dashboard to track training completion. CalMHSA’s Documentation manuals and Learning Management system can be accessed at: <https://www.calmhsa.org/calaim2/>.

Updated Practice Guidelines: Marin BHRS has posted to the BHRS website an update to the [Substance Use Services Clinical Practice and Administrative Guidelines](#) and the [BHRS Policy on Documentation Requirements](#).

### **Medi-Cal Asset Changes**

On June 29, 2022, the Department of Health Care Services received federal approval of California’s two-phased approach to increase, and eventually eliminate, asset limits for certain Non-Modified Adjusted Gross Income (Non-MAGI) Medi-Cal populations through the CalAIM Section 1115 Demonstration waiver amendment. The changes will affect the Non-MAGI Medi-Cal beneficiary population who have historically been limited in the amount of property they can own and retain, and still be eligible for Medi-Cal.

Effective July 1, 2022, asset limits will be increased to \$130,000 per person and \$65,000 for each additional household member. The prior asset limits were \$2,000 per person and \$3,000 for two people. Beneficiaries will be able to keep additional resources, resulting in increased financial stability and improved quality of life. This increase in asset limits will make Medi-Cal coverage accessible to a larger number of potentially vulnerable Californians, including elderly and disabled individuals. The eventual elimination of the asset limit, to be implemented no sooner than January 1, 2024, will significantly improve access to Medi-Cal coverage. For more information, please visit the [DHCS website](#).

### **Farewell to HHS Assistant Director / BHRS Director Dr. Jei Africa!**

After over four years with HHS, Dr. Jei Africa announced he will be leaving for a new opportunity. Jei’s innovative nature, big picture vision, unwavering energy, and enormous compassion are just a few of the reasons Marin has the best Behavioral Health and Recovery Services in the State. He will be greatly missed, but we wish him the very best in his new role as Assistant Director of Human Services in San Mateo County.



## HOW TO REACH US

BHRS ACCESS Team: [BHRSAccessPublic@marincounty.org](mailto:BHRSAccessPublic@marincounty.org)

BHRS ACCESS Supervisor: [BHRSAccessSupervisor@marincounty.org](mailto:BHRSAccessSupervisor@marincounty.org)

BHRS QM General: [BHRSQM@marincounty.org](mailto:BHRSQM@marincounty.org)

BHRS SUS Residential Care Authorization: [BHRSAuthSUS@marincounty.org](mailto:BHRSAuthSUS@marincounty.org)

MHP Inpatient Care Authorization: [BHRSQMPublic@marincounty.org](mailto:BHRSQMPublic@marincounty.org)

BHRS Electronic Health Record (EHR) Team: [BHRSEHR@marincounty.org](mailto:BHRSEHR@marincounty.org)

BHRS Admin Team: [BHRAdmin@marincounty.org](mailto:BHRAdmin@marincounty.org)

BHRS Credentialing Public: [BHRSCredentialingPub@marincounty.org](mailto:BHRSCredentialingPub@marincounty.org)

All documentation training and manuals are available here:

<https://www.marinbhers.org/providers/mental-health-providers/clinical-documentation-guide>

Please don't forget to share with staff who may not have access to email!