



Greater Columbia Behavioral Health

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EPSDT Implementation Directions

(EPSDT defines children as all Medicaid eligible consumers under the age of 21)

Recent changes to the RSN –MHD contract necessitate revisions in how services to certain children are provided. The following information is provided to explain how these changes will impact the community providers

Each provider (Community Mental Health Agency) is obligated to provide the following as outlined in the State PIHP Contract (13.8)

EPSDT requires the CMHA (provider) to facilitate communication between physicians and mental health clinicians.

- When an EPSDT referral is made to a provider by a Physician, ARNP, Physician Assistant, trained public health nurse or RN, the provider needs to reply with a written notice acknowledging the referral.
 - The written notice must include, at a minimum, the date of intake, diagnosis, and level of care assignment.

- When mental health services are requested without an EPSDT referral, the provider must:
 - Send a formal written notice to the consumer's medical care provider. The notice shall request:
 - Documentation of the Healthy Child Screen
 - Or, if one has not been done, that documentation be provided that one will be performed
 - A copy of this notice must be provided to the consumer or family.
 - If the consumer does not identify a medical care provider, the agency must provide the consumer a copy of the EPSDT rights contained in the MHD Mental Health Benefits booklet that identifies the following contact information to assist with the selection of a medical provider:
Toll free number: 1-800-562-3022
Web site: <http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/CHIP/>

GCBH will be monitoring compliance with this standard as part of their annual provider audits.