

Presumptive Transfer Acronyms and Definitions

AAP: Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) provides financial and medical coverage (Medi-Cal benefits) for former foster youth who have been adopted

AB 1299: Assembly Bill 1299, signed into law in September 2016 and effective July 1, 2017, which establishes a state-wide protocol for transferring the responsibility to provide SMHS to children in foster care who are placed outside of their county of jurisdiction

Assessment: A SMHS designed to evaluate the current status of a beneficiary's mental, emotional, or behavioral health that may include: mental status determination, analysis of clinical history, analysis of relevant cultural issues and history, diagnosis, and the use of testing procedures, among other activities

CANS: Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) is an assessment tool that is being used by MHPs and child welfare agencies

CCR: Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) is a series of reforms that provide a statutory and policy framework to ensure services and supports provided to a child/youth in foster care are tailored toward the goal of maintaining stability and permanency

CDSS: California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is the state agency charged with serving, aiding, and protecting needy and vulnerable children and adults in ways that strengthen and preserve families, encourage personal responsibility, and foster independence

CFT: A Child and Family Team (CFT) is comprised of a child and family and all of the individuals or agencies (including formal and informal supports) who are working with them toward successful treatment of the child's mental health needs and and/or successful transition out of the child welfare or probation systems through safety and permanency

County of Jurisdiction: The county in which the child has an open juvenile or dependency court case, either as a ward of probation or as a child welfare dependent; usually determined by the residence county of the child's mother/legal guardian

County of Residence: The county where the child/youth lives

DHCS: Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is the state agency charged with preserving and improving the health status of all Californians. DHCS works closely with health care professionals, county governments, and health plans to provide a health care safety net for California's low-income residents and persons with disabilities

EPSDT: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) is a Medi-Cal benefit for individuals under the age of 21 who have full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility. The benefit allows for periodic screenings to determine health care need, and, based on the identified need, diagnostic and treatment services. EPSDT services include rehabilitative mental health services for seriously emotionally disturbed children

ICPM: The California Integrated Core Practice Model for Children, Youth, and Families (ICPM) provides practical guidance and direction to support county child welfare, juvenile probation, behavioral health agencies, and their partners in delivery of timely, effective, and collaborative services to children, youth, and families

JV-220: One of a series of forms required to obtain court authorization for psychiatric medication for foster youth (not required for foster children/youth whose parents/guardians retain the right to consent to psychiatric medications or for Non-Minor Dependents age 18-20)

Kin-Gap: Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (Kin-Gap) supports eligible relative caregivers who become legal guardians for children exiting the child welfare system; includes both cash aid and Medi-Cal benefits for eligible children

MEDS: Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System

MHP: Mental Health Plan (MHP) is an entity that contracts with DHCS to provide directly or arrange to pay for SMHS to beneficiaries in a county. Often the MHP is the county Mental or Behavioral Health Department

MHST: Mental Health Screening Tool (MHST) is a screening questionnaire used by some child welfare agencies to determine if there is a need to refer a child in foster care for a mental health assessment

Placing Agency: Probation department or child welfare agency that is responsible for placing a youth in foster care under the jurisdiction of juvenile or dependency court

PT: Presumptive Transfer (PT) is the process set by AB 1299 which transfers the responsibility for the authorization, provision of, and payment for SMHS for foster children/youth who are placed outside of their county of jurisdiction to the MHP of the county of residence

PT Point of Contact (POC): Individuals at county MHP, child welfare agency, and juvenile probation who serve as that agency's primary contact for Presumptive Transfer

ROI: Authorization for Release of Information

SAR – SB 785: Senate Bill 785 required that procedures be in place for Service Authorization Requests (SARs) to ensure the provision of SMHS to children in foster care and children in Adoption Assistance Program and Kin-Gap Program

SMHS: Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) include rehabilitative services, mental health services, medication support, day treatment, day rehabilitation, crisis intervention or stabilization, adult residential treatment, crisis residential treatment, psychiatric health facility services, psychiatric inpatient hospital services, targeted case management, psychiatrist services, psychologist services, EPSDT supplemental services, and psychiatric nursing facility services

Waiver of PT: A situation in which the placing agency does not presumptively transfer the responsibility for MH services to the residence county MHP for a child/youth placed out of county, because at least one of four exceptions applies and the MHP of the county of jurisdiction can contract and/or provide services to the child/youth within 30 days

WRAP: Wraparound is an intensive, individualized care planning and management process that includes mental health treatment, case management, and other stabilization services to support youth at risk of residential placement or the help youth transition from residential placement back to the community