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POLICY NOTICE

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  Problem List Implementation
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Problem List Implementation

As of July 1, 2022, county Mental Health Plans (MHPs) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Systems (DMC-ODS) will be required to transition to the use of a problem list for documentation, which will replace the use of treatment plans in most cases. Federal mandates will still require use of treatment plans for a select number of services.

- The use of a problem list will allow for rapid collection and sharing of information regarding the concerns of the person served.

- As a result of the update, treatment plans will be documented in the progress note, rather than as a standalone document.

- To prepare for the upcoming mandate, DBH is developing problem list capabilities in Avatar to meet State requirements by July 1, 2022.

- DBH is also developing a solution for providers who are not utilizing Avatar as their EHR.

- Information regarding changes can be found in the two documentation manuals shown below.

  - o Clinical Staff: SMHS Documentation Manual
  - o Clinical Staff: DMC-ODS Clinical   Documentation Manual

- Furthermore, DBH is developing clinical user guides and trainings to prepare for launch

More information can be found in BHIN 22-019. Further information will be shared as the implementation approaches.