

# COMPLIANCE BULLETIN

Fresno County Behavioral Health

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## POLICY NOTICE

- ❖ Policy Being Summarized  
Use of Service Code 159 for  
Planning Case Management  
Services
- ❖ CB- Plan Development 159 for Case  
Management Services
- ❖ Policy effective date:  
03/15/2023
- ❖ Policy created by:  
Department Of Behavioral Health

***This Compliance Bulletin impacts all Mental Health, Individual, Group & Organizational providers.***

Service code 159 for Plan Development is used when providing a service activity that consists of one or more of the following:

- Working with a person served to develop a plan (treatment plan, care plan, etc.)
- Working with a person served to approve a plan.

Typically, the 159 service code is used when completing the Fresno County Treatment Plan and there is no change in the use of the code for that activity for those modalities/services that still require a Treatment Plan document.

With CalAIM documentation reform, a care plan is required when providing case management services, per federal regulations for Targeted Case Management (TCM). The care plan is written in narrative form within the progress note in the individual's clinical chart. It is reviewed periodically and updated when clinically necessary.

TCM case management focuses on addressing specific needs of persons served and helping them access the services and resources required to achieve their goals.

The TCM care plan:

- Specifies the goals, treatment, service activities, and assistance to address the negotiated objectives of the plan and the medical, social, educational and other services needed by the person served;
- Includes activities such as ensuring the active participation of the person served, and working with the person served (or the person's authorized health care decision maker) and others to develop those goals;
- Identifies a course of action to respond to the assessed needs of the person served; and

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- Includes development of a transition plan when the person served has achieved the goals of the care plan.

Working with the person served to develop a plan for the delivery of TCM services is a type of Plan Development and meets the criteria for service code *159 – Plan Development*.

Coding with the 159 for TCM plan development most accurately reflects the service provided and makes the progress note easily identifiable for review and update, during treatment and when transferring care to another provider.

Reminder - The 159 service code should continue to be used when completing Treatment Plans for modalities/services that require a Treatment Plan document as identified by CalAIM Documentation Reform. These include TBS, IHBS, ICC, TFC, STRTPs, and NTPs.

***If you have questions regarding the information in this bulletin, please contact your immediate supervisor.***