

To:	Substance Use Disorder Providers
From:	Behavioral Health Services
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Title	Deferred Entry of Judgement (DEOJ) HS 11395 Evaluations and Treatment Linkage

General Topic: DEOJ Program

The Behavioral Health Services (BHS) team is reaching out to inform you of an important development regarding the Deferred Entry of Judgment (DEOJ) Program under [Health and Safety Code §11395](#) and its impact on individuals with substance use disorders (SUD) involved in the court system.

As part of this initiative, BHS staff are conducting brief clinical evaluations on eligible individuals to determine a level of care. BHS will recommend an appropriate contracted SUD treatment provider based on the results of the evaluation. The outcome of these evaluations will be provided to the court to assist in confirming the individual's participation in the DEOJ program.

Clients entering treatment through this process are expected to enroll and participate voluntarily and self-report treatment progress updates to the court. Operational workflows outlining how treatment providers will communicate with the court, along with data tracking and reporting protocols, are currently under development.

Next Steps for Providers:

- No changes to your current practices are required at this time.
- BHS will provide information on processes for court communication and reporting once these are finalized.
- Updates will be communicated through one or more of the following: the Substance Use Disorder Provider Operational Handbook (SUDPOH), Up-to-the-Minute (UTTM) memos, Info Notice, or FAQs.

We appreciate your continued partnership in delivering quality treatment services and will keep you informed as this process evolves. Please direct any questions to BHS11395.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov.

For More Information:

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