

To:	BHS Contracted Service Providers
From:	Behavioral Health Services
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Title	Adult Outcome Measures & Level of Care Updates (Part 2) – LOCUS in SmartCare

This notice is to inform contracted providers that the Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) tool will be available in SmartCare **effective August 1, 2026**, for staff who have completed the five-hour initial LOCUS training offered through the American Association of Community Psychiatry (AAPC). This notice supplements the 2026-06-15 BHS Info Notice-Adult Outcome Measures & Level of Care Updates distributed on June 15, 2026..

Effective August 1, 2026, providers should discontinue entering LOCUS results into mHOMS. With the activation of LOCUS in SmartCare, all LOCUS assessments should be completed and documented directly within SmartCare. This change establishes SmartCare as the County's system of record for LOCUS documentation and eliminates the need for duplicate entry into mHOMS.

A LOCUS SmartCare PowerPoint has been developed as an implementation resource to provide step-by-step guidance on accessing and completing LOCUS within SmartCare, including entering assessment responses and completing the save and sign workflow.

The County will also provide live demonstrations of the LOCUS SmartCare workflow at the upcoming MH QIP meeting on July 29, 2026, and at the SmartCare User Group on August 18, 2026. These demonstrations will review system navigation and the process for completing LOCUS within SmartCare. Additional information regarding dates and meeting availability will be shared separately.

The LOCUS SmartCare PowerPoint and live demonstrations are solely for navigating SmartCare to complete the tool. Providers will need to complete the five-hour initial LOCUS training offered through the American Association of Community Psychiatry (AAPC) before using the LOCUS in SmartCare.

Questions

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