



Communication Release

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Problem List/Treatment Plan Form for Primary Sage Users

With the roll out of CalAIM documentation requirements in July 2022, Primary Sage users have been using a workaround to incorporate the Problem List requirement into the existing Treatment Plan form. SAPC has worked with Netsmart to update Sage and incorporated provider feedback.

SAPC understands that although the State may no longer require Treatment Plans for DMC-ODS services, except for OTPs, many providers are required by an accrediting body such as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and Joint Commission to continue completing treatment plans. As such, SAPC proceeded with a hybrid approach that incorporates a required Problem List section and non-mandatory Treatment Plan sections.

Effective **Thursday April 20th**, the Treatment Plan form will be renamed to "Problem List/Treatment Plan." This update only impacts Primary Sage Users who use Sage for clinical documentation. Previously completed Treatment Plans will still be available and accessible via the Problem List/Treatment Plan form.

Resources

A [job aid](#) and [video recording](#) were created and posted to the Sage website to orient Primary Sage Users to the new iteration of the form. Additionally, the Clinical Standards and Training Unit updated trainings referencing the Problem List and the CalAIM Documentation Reform FAQ to reflect the new process.

The materials can be found at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/providers/sage/other-training-resources.htm>

Transition Period

If a Problem List/Treatment Plan form is created on or after April 20, 2023, for a new admission or readmission, the problems must be listed in the Problem List section of the form.

If a treatment plan is in draft when the transition to the Problem List/Treatment Plan form goes into effect, SAPC will allow a 30-day grace period, which would allow problems to be in the Treatment Plan Problem(s) section of the form. Effective Monday May 22, 2023, all newly created forms (New or Updates) will need to list problems in the Problem List section of the form. This will be especially important when submitting authorization requests to SAPC Utilization Management.

Taxonomy Codes for SUD Counselors

As part of Payment Reform and CalAIM, effective for dates of service 7/1/2023 and later, all claims to SAPC and sent to the State will require a rendering provider taxonomy code. In the initial DMC ODS Billing Manual from DHCS, the standard taxonomy code used for SUD counselors was excluded as an allowable code due to a conflict with another code. SAPC successfully advocated with the State to include 101YA, which is used for 101YA0400X Addiction (Substance Use Disorder) Counselor. As such, SAPC strongly recommends that all registered and certified SUD counselors utilize 101YA0400X as their taxonomy code in Sage for billing.

While most SUD counselors in our network already utilize this code as their taxonomy code, many are using non approved codes or do not have a taxonomy code associated with their Sage account. SAPC did not capture taxonomy code information in the initial onboarding for Sage and started collecting those codes in approximately 2020.

In preparation for CalAIM, providers should update any staff information that may be out of compliance in accordance with the [DMC-ODS Billing Manual effective 7/1/2023](#). Medi-Cal will validate the staff is allowed to perform the service based on the taxonomy code and if the NPI is currently active in the [National Plan & Provider Enumeration System \(NPPES\)](#). Providers should ensure all their performing provider staff have an active NPI in NPPES and the taxonomy code in NPPES is updated to an approved code. For SUD counselors, SAPC recommends using 101YA0400X.

To request addition of taxonomy codes to provider, please send a complete list of taxonomy code changes to sageforms@ph.lacounty.gov. SAPC will update the codes in Sage once we receive the requested changes.

KPI Office Hours

SAPC is excited to announce the introduction of KPI Office Hours via Microsoft Teams Meeting. These will be one-hour drop-in sessions where KPI users can ask questions regarding Sheets, analysis, data discrepancies, and suggestions for KPI enhancements. Office hours will initially be held weekly and based on attendance and feedback the cadence may be adjusted. The links for the meetings are available on the [SAPC Training & Events Calendar](#) and are hyperlinked below. No registration is required.

Session Dates:

- [Friday April 21, 2023](#), from 9am – 10am
- [Friday April 28, 2023](#), from 9am – 10am