

## MEMORANDUM

## To: All former AB 2034 Providers OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

From: Dave Pilon, Ph.D.

Re: New Procedures for Data Collection and Reporting for former AB 2034 clients entering FSPs

Date: January 25, 2008

On January 10, 2008, MHALA hosted a conference call to answer questions regarding how former AB 2034 counties would transition from providing their data to MHALA to providing it to the State DMH Data Collection and Reporting (DCR) system. During that call, I stated that counties could pick any date on or after July 1, 2007 as the date of transition. <u>THIS WAS</u> <u>INCORRECT</u>. Since that time, the State DMH has clarified its position that the AB 2034 program effectively ended on June 30, 2007. Therefore, to be served in a full service partnership (FSP) program, <u>any former AB 2034 consumer would need to be enrolled in that program as of</u> July 1, 2007 if the program was using MHSA funds to provide services to that consumer on that <u>date</u>.

There are two major consequences as a result of this clarification:

- Since the AB 2034 program no longer exists as of June 30, 2007, that will become the final date for all data collected under AB 2034. The June 2007 submission of your AB 2034 data to MHALA will be used as the archive database to provide the State with "preenrollment" information for any former AB 2034 consumers who subsequently enrolled in FSP programs. MHALA will work with State DMH to transfer your county's June AB 2034 database into the State DCR so that they will be able to continue to track and report on the progress of any former AB 2034 consumers who were later enrolled in an FSP.
- 2) The State considers it to be irrelevant that these consumers were formerly enrolled in the now discontinued AB 2034 program. Like any other consumer enrolling in an FSP, ALL FORMER AB 2034 CONSUMERS WHO ARE NOW ENROLLED IN AN FSP SHOULD HAVE A PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT FORM (PAF) DATING FROM THE DAY THEY BEGAN TO BE SERVED IN THEIR FSP. What this means is that, if former AB 2034 consumers were moved into an already existing FSP program, then they need to have a PAF dated on the day that transition took place. Also, if former AB 2034 staff and programs began to be funded with MHSA FSP monies, their consumers' PAFs should be dated on the day they began to receive services from that FSP.

To receive services in an MHSA-funded FSP, all consumers must have a PAF dated when they begin the program. For the vast majority of former AB 2034 consumers, this date will be <u>JULY</u> <u>1,2007</u>. While it is possible that some consumers lost services for a period of time beginning on

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July 1, 2007, most of them who qualified for this level of service will have moved directly into an FSP on July 1, 2007. It will be up to every county to determine the date of entry for each of its former AB 2034 consumers. But I hope that this memo makes it clear why for most consumers this date should be July 1, 2007.

For your former AB 2034 consumers entering FSPs, MHALA will assist you in accessing the previous year's data to complete the new PAFs As you are probably aware, when a PAF is created, you must supply the prior year's data on the consumer's residential status, employment status, etc. If you enter a PAF dated July 1, 2007, it will overwrite (i.e., delete) all the key event changes in your Caminar database from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. To solve this problem, before you enter the new PAFs, MHALA will assist you in printing a report for each consumer detailing all their key event changes from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Using this report, your data entry staff will be able to simply key in these data rather than engage in the time-consuming process of re-interviewing your consumers to collect these data. <u>All the data that you have collected SINCE July 1, 2007 will remain intact and will NOT have to be reentered</u>! Once the new PAF has been entered into your system, it will be business as usual and you will be ready to submit your data to the State DCR (once all the data exchange issues have been worked out – this is in process).

You must coordinate with the Performance Outcomes and Quality Improvement division of State DMH to arrange your connection to and training on the State DCR system. You will also work with them on all further outcomes measures-related issues after your transition. Please contact Marti Johnson at (916) 654-3115 or <u>Marti Johnson@dmh.ca.gov</u> for assistance.

I hope this clarifies how we will proceed on the project. I apologize for the misinformation that we put out during the prior conference call. I can only say that this has been an evolving situation, but I think that we have now arrived at a final solution that works for everybody.

During the week of January 28, MHALA will be contacting every former AB 2034 county to determine how we can assist you with this transition. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Monica Davis at <u>mdavis@mahla.org</u> or (562) 285-1330 ext. 250.

Thanks for your continuing cooperation.

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