

Quick Points



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Adult MH-TCM DHS change in implementation date for use of the Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS)

Attention providers of adult mental health targeted case management: The Department of Human Services (DHS) has extended the implementation date for the use of the LOCUS tool for selected enrollees seeking adult mental health targeted case management (MH-TCM).

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) received notification from DHS in a memo dated September 21, 2010, that the implementation date for the use of the LOCUS has been extended in certain circumstances from October 1, 2010 to January 1, 2011, for adult MH-TCM providers.

Please follow the implementation directives as they are stated by DHS in the memo dated September 21, 2010.

Below is an excerpt from the memo from DHS:

All current recipients of R79 adult MH-TCM

An extension to complete the LOCUS assessment for **current** recipients of R79 adult MH-TCM is being provided. Please follow the guidelines listed below.

- We are extending the date of completion of the LOCUS to **January 1, 2011**, for all **current** recipients
- A LOCUS assessment must be completed before **January 1, 2011**, on current recipients if:
 - There is significant change in life events/functioning (functional assessment [FA] domains should also be reassessed under these circumstances)
 - Significant change in life events/functioning will always trigger completing a LOCUS without a time delay, even after the extension
 - The person is being referred to a service where the LOCUS is required
 - Referring to a service always triggers completing a LOCUS without a delay, even after the extension
 - If a completed LOCUS is done outside of the minimum requirements of 6 months for updating the FA and Individual Community Support Plan (ICSP), we recommend the LOCUS be reassessed at the time of the 6-month update.

For all new R79 adult MH-TCM

Please note that a completed LOCUS for all new adult MH-TCM clients entering the system on or after October 1, 2010, is required.

With appropriate releases of information by recipients, you may use a current LOCUS assessment completed by another provider/agency/county. At the time of referral, a LOCUS assessment cannot be more than 30 days old. Beyond the referral process, a LOCUS assessment will be considered “current” as it relates to the amount

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of time each service has to update the functional assessment and LOCUS. The period of time starts from the time the LOCUS is completed. For example, case management services providers have 6 months between updates for the FA and LOCUS. If the LOCUS is completed on October 1, 2010, then it is no longer current after April 1, 2011.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.