

DATE: November 7, 2012

TO: SUD Provider Network

FROM: Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (DHW), Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC),

Idaho Supreme Court (Courts), and Idaho Department of Juvenile Correction (IDJC)

SUBJET: Addition of GAIN I Core Assessment Tool

The stakeholder groups which include DHW, IDOC, the Courts and IDJC committed to evaluating the family of GAIN assessment tools and determine the possibility of implementing additional tools to the SUD Funding system. DHW took the lead in this process and developed a committee of representatives from each stakeholder group, the provider network and Business Psychology Associates. Each group considered the needs of their populations and unanimously agreed to propose to the Behavioral Health Interagency Cooperative (BHIC) that the <u>GAIN I Core become the default standard assessment for all state-funded treatment</u>. BHIC members approved this action at the October 1st, 2012 meeting. They also agreed to allow the use of other GAIN assessment tools in certain situations.

The GAIN-I Core is a comprehensive substance abuse assessment covering the same core elements as the GAIN-I Full, but is shorter and takes less time to administer. The GRRS report created from the GAIN I Core is virtually identical to that of the GAIN I Full. The expected results of this decision are providers will be able to better utilize their time in administering the assessment with no loss in quality of the GRRS report.

The Department of Correction is planning to use the GAIN-I Core for all 19-2524 assessments to meet the needs of the Idaho district judges and received approval from the Felony Sentencing Committee to use the GAIN I Core as the default assessment for 19-2524 court orders. If a judge requires a GAIN I Full assessment this will be noted and compliance with the court order will be met. Providers will be notified of the requirement of a GAIN I Full assessment on the authorization they receive from BPA. Again, unless otherwise noted, providers are expected to conduct a GAIN I Core assessment unless authorized differently.

The change to the GAIN I Core does not require any additional provider training or changes in the billing process. Providers access the Core by selecting the GAIN-I 5.6.2 Core on the Assessment Header in the Template field in GAIN ABS. Providers will continue to complete the GRRS and download the report into WITS. Attached are two PDF documents for your review and use in this process. Providers will also

continue to utilize the same billing process for an assessment using the same procedure code and number of units to submit claims for reimbursement.

The GAIN I Core will be accessible as of November 12, 2012. Technical assistance questions continue to be managed by DHW. The WITS help desk phone number is 208-332-7316 and WITS email is dbhwitshd@dhw.idaho.gov.

Your Regional Field staff is always available to answer your questions.

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