

Statewide Implementation of CALOCUS/LOCUS

Healthy Blue of Louisiana is reaching out to the Behavioral Health Provider Community to inform you of future requirements from Louisiana Department of Health when providing services to members receiving Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST) and/or Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR).

What this means to you? Starting **March 1, 2018** all providers of Mental Health Rehabilitation (MHR) services will be required to implement the statewide used of the Child Adolescent Level of Care Utilization System (CALOCUS) and the Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) for members receiving Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST) and/or Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) between the ages of 6 through 20 years old. All MHR provider Staff must be trained and must conduct the assessments as detailed in this bulletin.

- **Members 6-18 years old:** Members receiving CPST and/or PSR ages 6 through 18 years old must be assessed using the CALOCUS.
- **Members 19-20 years old:** Members receiving CPST and/or PSR ages 19 through 20 years old must be assessed using the LOCUS.

A CALOCUS/LOCUS rating must be completed and submitted for all members prior to receiving CPST and/or PSR as part of the initial comprehensive assessment and every **180 days** until discharge. The CALOCUS /LOCUS must be conducted and rated by a physician or other licensed mental health practitioner (LMHP) who has successfully completed the required training. All Physicians and LMHP staff assessing members using the CALOCUS/LOCUS must complete training prior to conducting their first rating.

The Louisiana Department of Health will issue an Informational Bulletin with additional detail prior to March 1, 2018. Upon release of the Information Bulletin, Healthy Blue will release additional communications or updates to the provider community.

Periodically throughout the year, CALOCUS/LOCUS provider training is held throughout the state. Please refer to provider portal for future training at: <https://providers.healthybluelo.com> under section titled Other Trainings and Tutorials.

If you have any questions, please call our provider service department at **1-844-521-6942**.

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