

SOLANO COUNTY QUALITY ASSURANCE QA INFORMATION NOTICE 25-02

FEBRUARY 1, 2025

PURPOSE: To inform our Solano County staff, contractors and general community of changes in programs, policies, or procedures at the local, State and Federal levels.

QA Information Notices (INs) are sent out monthly and posted on our website.

GENERAL UPDATES

25-02 (A) QA OFFICE HOURS (COUNTY & CONTRACTOR)

QA Office Hours in December will be Wednesday, February 19, from 9:00-9:30 AM. Please join us and submit questions ahead of time using this <u>Survey Monkey link</u> that is also in the Outlook invitation or bring your questions to the meeting.

25-02 (B) UPDATED SOLANO OUTPATIENT PROGRAM CPT CODE LIST (COUNTY & CONTRACTOR)

The Solano Outpatient Program CPT Code List resource for Solano County and Contractor programs is being updated and close to being finalized to include Payment Reform changes. The edited information includes updated Auto Add-on Codes/Crosswalks (if applicable) and claiming time information.

Reminder that the CPT codes 99441-99443 have been retired as of January 1, 2025, for billing. The updated spreadsheet reflects the new AUDIOMED code which should be used in place of these codes.

QA will send out an email to all programs once the resource is ready. The spreadsheet will be posted on SharePoint for County staff and emailed to Contractor staff. Please contact QualityAssurance@SolanoCounty.com with any questions.

25-02 (C) CONFIRMATION OF ACCURATE DHCS-1801 FORM TO USE IN SOLANO COUNTY FOR 5150 HOLDS (COUNTY & CONTRACTOR PROGRAMS COMPLETING 5150 HOLDS)

As a reminder of information included in QA IN 24-05 (C), pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5008, subdivision (h)(4), as enacted by SB 43, the County of Solano has elected to defer implementation of the changes made by that bill to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5008 until January 1, 2026.

With this, <u>Solano County continues to utilize the DHCS-1801</u> (revised 09/2023) involuntary hold form. Please do **not** begin use of the DHCS-1801 (revised 6/2024) form at this time. Solano county will alert programs when changes should occur.

AVATAR UPDATES - NO UPDATES THIS MONTH

We look forward to continuing to partner on implementing this and future state and federally mandated initiatives that help to inform and protect the rights of those we serve.

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