

# QRTips

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## **About Presumptive Transfer**

To provide children and youth in foster care who are placed outside their counties of original jurisdiction, in California, access to Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) in a timely manner, Assembly Bill 1299 (Ridley-Thomas, Chapter 603, Statutes 2016 ) was enacted to establish presumptive transfer. Presumptive transfer means a prompt transfer of the responsibility for the provision of, or arranging and payment for SMHS from the county of original jurisdiction to the county in which the foster child resides.

The placing agency shall notify the Mental Health Plan (MHP) where the child resides through their posted single point of contact within 3-business days of the presumptive transfer decision and ensure that the foster child's residence address is updated in the MediCal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) within 2-business days of making the determination. This notification shall include the following information:

- a. Identifying information about the child: name, date of birth, and address ;
- b. Name, location, and contact information of the referring placing agency;
- c. Name and contact information of who can sign releases of information;
- d. Name and contact information of who can sign consents;

**To notify the MHP in Orange County of a presumptive transfer case, please call CYBH Administration at (714) 834-5015**

Additional Information All County Letter 17-77

- [All County Letter 17-17](#)

## **Senate Bill (SB) 785**

Senate Bill (SB) 785 is intended to facilitate the receipt of medically necessary Specialty Mental Health Services by a foster child who is placed outside of his or her county of origin. The bill clarifies responsibility for treatment authorizations and transfers the responsibility for the provision of services to the county of residence while keeping the financial responsibility to authorize and pay for services with the county of original jurisdiction.

In light of recent legislation (AB 1299 – Presumptive Transfer), DHCS has clarified that the use of SB 785 documents (i.e. Service Authorization Request – SAR) **will only apply to children/youth with AAP or KinGAP aid codes.**

For further questions regarding SB 785 please call CYBH Administration at (714) 834-5015

Please see the link below for additional information:

- [http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/09-06\\_Enclosure3.pdf](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/09-06_Enclosure3.pdf)