

# QRTips

April 2019

## **Medication Consents**

- Medication consents are now required to include the California Medical License of the prescriber. This is a requirement of the contract that Health Care Agency has with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The medication consents have been updated in all threshold languages. The revised medication consents are posted in our website:

<http://www.ochealthinfo.com/bhs/about/cys/support/downloads>

## **Group Psychotherapy Documentation Changes**

- Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the State has changed the way mental health groups are recorded and billed.
- This new requirement is described in DHCS Information Notice 18-002, Co-Practitioner Claim Submission Requirements.
- Each therapist who bills for a service is required to supply his/her National Provider Identifier (NPI).
- This rule applies to any clinician who is eligible to bill Medi-Cal for Specialty Mental Health Services under the Orange County Mental Health Plan.
- This rule applies to all licensed staff as well as those who are not licensed, registered or waived staff such as Mental Health Specialists or Mental Health Workers.

## **Billing and Documentation of Group Psychotherapy/Educational/Rehabilitation Groups**

- When more than one clinician facilitates a mental health group, each must document and record his/her service **separately** using the paper Encounter Document or an electronic progress note that will enable us to send the NPI for each service.
- Progress notes for mental health groups **must** continue to indicate the number of clinicians that conducted the group as well as the number of clients (Medi-Cal and non Medi-Cal) who participated in the group.