What is the change? All Avatar progress note writers will start using a new progress note form starting March 1, 2017.

Why are we making this change? The change is required by Medicare and will improve HIPAA compliance.

Who does this change impact? All staff writing progress notes in Avatar.

Finding the New Progress Note
You can find the new progress note two places in AVATAR: From the client’s “Chart” (1) and Search Forms (2)
The Name of the Progress Note Form is: “Progress Notes with Face to Face”

Progress Note Fields
Choose the Progress Note Entry type:
New Service - for open clients
Independent Note - for closed clients, most fields greyed out, write note in the note field and add the date of the service.

Location:
When determining which location type to code:
- First consider where the client is located,
- Then consider your location.

Please refer to the Mental Health Documentation Manual (page 20) for Location Code

DO NOT select any location code starting with XX or ZZ
Your program or the program that you are documenting to

To finish a progress note left in draft

**Service Time Client Present in Person**—This is only the time that client is physically present.

**Other Billable Service Time**—charting billable progress note, travel, phone contact with client, collateral contacts, other services where the client is not present.

**Other Non-Billable Service Time**—If the service is a billable service, you may include non billable time and do not need to write a separate progress note: e.g. CPS reporting, group prep, listening to voicemail. If the entire service is 55 leave blank.

**PROGRESS NOTES DESCRIBE:** The **BEHAVIOR** and **GOAL ADDRESSED**. Include the observations, the client’s self-report, and report from others. Document the reports made by others involved in the care; state a report was offered by a parent, or state that the client reported. **INTERVENTIONS and PURPOSE**. Describe how you addressed a client’s need with standard of care methods and Include how the intervention supports client. For example, “a safety plan was developed to stabilize the crisis.”

Describe the client’s **RESPONSE** to the intervention or the outcome or result of the service. **PLAN,** The Plan addresses any immediate needs and next steps towards goals that can be addressed before the next session or during the next session.

Use a “System Template” by right clicking in the Note Field.
New features were added to make it easier to indicate if a progress note should be restricted from release or if a disclosure was made without client consent. This feature puts us in compliance with HIPAA and California Confidentiality Law.

**Reason for Restricting Release of this Note**
- HIV status
- Family member/significant support person/others shared confidential information but requested not to share with client.
- Sharing with client would be detrimental/might result in serious risk of harm to client or others.
- Youth client's request to restrict-sexual history (not abuse),
- Youth client's request to restrict -AOD use/treatment. 
- Youth client's request to restrict- HIV.
- Youth client’s request to restrict-private/personal information.

**Reason for Disclosure W/O Consent/Not Treatment**
- Abuse reporting
- Current risk of harm to self
- Current threat of harm to others/duty to warn/protect
- Death reporting
- Gravely Disabled
- Health concern/ Mandated report
- Lapses of consciousness
- Urgent safety/crisis situation
- Welfare check
- Other
- For other reason________________

**Who did you Disclose to W/O Consent/Not Treatment To**
- CPS
- APS
- Police/law enforcement
- DMV
- Family or significant other
- Other
- For other and Family Member State Name of Person

**Documenting Language**
Language is now required. This is a MediCal requirement.

Most will check Yes for service was in English.

If the service was not in English, you will be asked to complete additional questions. These fields will allow us to demonstrate we are meeting the client’s language needs.

Watch the video to learn how to use the new progress note at [http://cdn.smchealth.org/FacetofacePN12.31.16v5.mp4](http://cdn.smchealth.org/FacetofacePN12.31.16v5.mp4)