

Entry of Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength (CANS) and Pediatric System Checklist (PSC) into SmartCare



This resource offers guidance to providers who currently enter the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength (CANS) assessment and the Pediatric System Checklist (PSC) into the Mental Health Outcomes Management System (mHOMS).

Providers who currently enter CANS and PSC into mHOMS will begin entering these assessments into SmartCare at go-live. Entry of CANS and PSC into mHOMS will no longer be required.

Additional Details

- The SmartCare versions of CANS and PSC will look slightly different than those in mHOMS. The assessments will be shorter and the County believes data entry time will decrease.
- SmartCare functionality allows for the PSC to be completed directly by parents via a touch pad or similar electronic tool and will not require manual re-entry by program staff; manual entry by program staff is still available, if required.
- SmartCare CANS and PSC include alerts and reminders to help staff and managers know when the assessments are due.
- SmartCare CANS and PSC are client-level documents, they are no longer program-level documents. This means:
 - SmartCare CANS and PSC will be available to view by other programs, increasing opportunities for care coordination.
 - For youth in multiple programs, CANS and PSC are streamlined in SmartCare so that only one set of assessments are due for each youth. Instead of each program completing its own assessment, providers will collaborate to determine the best provider to perform the assessment, thereby reducing redundancies and improving client care.
 - Programs will not complete a Discharge CANS and PSC when discharging youth that remain open to another program; the program that the youth remains open to will continue to follow the CANS and PSC reassessment schedule.

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