

Dear TERM Domestic Violence Victim Group Provider:

Thank you for your continued collaboration with the TERM Domestic Violence Group Standards. In this Summer News Blast please find important information pertaining to Informed Consent and Coordination of Care, information on future trainings, and other key updates:

- Optum will soon begin contacting you to schedule an annual site monitoring visit. Please ensure your domestic violence victim group informed consent includes TERM overview and site monitoring observations of group session.
- Coordination of care is essential to effective treatment. Per the TERM Provider Handbook, "It is expected that providers will coordinate care with referring agency, as well as with all professionals involved in a client's case" (page 9). This includes TERM Approved Domestic Violence Victim Group Providers.
- The Community Resource Center in North County will be providing the 40-hour Domestic Violence Counselor Training starting the first week of September. For more information, please contact Education & Prevention Coordinator Jennifer Sierra at 760-230-6317 or mjsierra@crcncc.org. Additional information will also be available on their website in the near future: <http://crcncc.org/>
- TERM staff has received feedback regarding the Intake Assessment Form and Quarterly Group Progress Report printability. In response to this feedback, the forms have been modified and the most updated versions are now available on the Optum webpage under TERM providers' Group Standards Tab.
- Full 5-Axis diagnoses with diagnostic codes and specifiers related to the case formulation need to be included (e.g., 995.81 – Physical Abuse of Adult, clinical attention on the victim; 309.81 – Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Acute; etc.)

- For your convenience, we are attaching the Danger Assessment (Campbell, 2003) scoring sheet. The Danger Assessment is to be completed by the provider in an interview format.

For all clients authorized on April 1, 2015 or later, please remember:

- The Intake & Assessment process described in the Standards should be completed, including administration of the [Danger Assessment](#) (Campbell, 2003) and Substance Abuse screening tools.
- The [Intake Assessment form](#) should be completed and submitted to Optum within 30 days of authorization; the [Quarterly Group Progress Report](#) should be submitted every 12 weeks thereafter; a final Discharge Report is due on completion of treatment.
- Curricula topics outlined in the standards need to be incorporated into treatment.

Thank you for your continued partnership in delivering exceptional behavioral health services to the clients of San Diego County Child Welfare Services. For questions or feedback you can contact us at:

1-877-824-TERM (1-877-824-8376)

Option 1: Clinical Support Team (authorizations, referrals, and work product tracking)

Option 2: Claims Department (billing, claims questions)

Option 3: Provider Services (contracting questions)

Option 4: TERM Clinical Team (general clinical questions)

Option 5: TERM DV Victim Standards Team:

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Other useful resources:

PSW Locator Number: 858-694-5191

San Diego Domestic Violence Council:

<http://www.sddvc.org/>

Danger Assessment Scoring

- Add total number of “yes” responses: 1 through 20 _____
 - Add 4 points for each “yes” to questions 2 and 3 _____
 - Add 3 points for a “yes” to question 4 _____
 - Add 2 points for a “yes” to questions 5,6, and 7 _____
 - Add 1 point for each “yes” to questions 8 and 9 _____
 - Subtract 3 points if 3a is checked _____
- Total** _____

Based on sum of weighted scoring place into 1 of the following categories:

- Less than 8 “variable danger”- Be sure to tell women level can change quickly – watch for other signs of danger, believe in their gut.
- 8 to 13 “increased danger”- Advise women of risk, assertive safety planning; consult with judges, high level of supervision recommendations.
- 14 to 17 “severe danger”- Advise women of risk, assertive safety planning; consult with judges, high level of supervision recommendations.
- 18 or more “extreme danger”- Advise of serious danger-take assertive actions-call for criminal justice or other professional help-recommend highest bail, highest sentencing, highest probation supervision