


BHRS AOD Information Notice: 2019-01

Date: May 31, 2019  
To: Residential SUD Treatment Providers  
From: Diana Hill, AOD Manager   
Subject: Avatar Service Code AD58

Purpose

This Information Notice is to inform Residential SUD treatment contracted providers of the appropriate use of service code AD58 Room and Board.

Background

Currently, many providers are using service codes AD98, AD99, AD998, and AD999 to identify when a client is either on a leave of absence or has not received a residential treatment service for that day. On all other days, providers use a residential service code (AD213ODS, AD332ODS, AD352ODS, etc.) to identify when a client is both present in the residential facility and receiving a billable residential treatment service.

To calculate and report its costs to DHCS, SMC BHRS needs to identify room and board costs in Avatar separately from treatment costs. The current practice of using one service code per day does not allow for SMC BHRS to do this. Therefore, SMC BHRS AOD is requiring residential SUD treatment providers to identify when a client receives a room and board service on a given day and a treatment service on a given day in Avatar using separate and distinct service codes.

To streamline the reporting, SMC BHRS is eliminating the service codes AD98, AD99, AD998 and AD999. To report a room and board service day, providers shall only use AD58.



## Provider Requirements

Effective immediately, residential SUD treatment providers shall identify both the residential treatment service and the room and board service a client receives each day separately from each other, using the appropriate ODS Residential Service Code and AD58 Room and Board.

If a client is present at the residential facility and receives a billable residential treatment service on a given day, the residential SUD treatment provider shall use two service codes in Avatar for that day: the appropriate ODS Residential Service Code (AD312ODS, AD332ODS, AD352ODS, etc.) and AD58. Refer to BHRS AOD Information Notice 2018-05 to identify the definition of a billable residential treatment service.

If a client is not present at the residential facility or does not receive a billable treatment service on a given day, the residential SUD treatment provider shall only use service code AD58 for that day.

If you have any questions about this Information Notice, please contact your assigned AOD Program Analyst.

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