## Health and Human Services Department

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## **County of Sacramento**

**Divisions** 

Behavioral Health Services Child Protective Services Departmental Administration Primary Health Services Public Health Senior and Adult Services

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Re: Client and Family Financial Responsibility Notification

Dear Client/Family Member:

Earlier this year you may have been notified of changes to Sacramento County Mental Health Plan billing procedures. This a follow-up letter to provide you with updated information regarding this change.

You are being asked to complete this new Financial Information Form (FIF) based on changes to our billing procedures that will take effect no earlier than January 1, 2017. Please note that these changes <u>may</u> affect you.

- If Medi-Cal or other Healthcare Coverage pays for 100% of your services then you will <u>not</u> receive a bill.
- If you do not have insurance or your Medi-Cal stops, you may have to pay for your mental health services based on a sliding scale (according to the Uniform Method of Determining Ability to Pay (UMDAP) guidelines).
- If you have private insurance co-payments, Medicare co-payments, Share-of-Cost Medi-Cal or other required payments towards the cost of care received from Sacramento County, you will be billed according to Federal and State regulations. Sacramento County will begin to send bills for services provided after January 1, 2017 for clients and families who have Share-of-Cost or co-payment obligations. If you feel that you are unable to pay your Share-of-Cost or co-payment obligation, you may request that your provider complete an UMDAP to determine your ability to pay for services.

Please note that inability to pay will not affect your right to receive services.

If you have questions about this letter please send them to <u>qminformation@saccounty.net</u> or call Member Services at (916) 875-6069.