

North Sound Mental Health Administration

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Subject: Revised RSN/CLIP Agreement – Appendix A

The following are the major changes that have been made to the revised Policy 1529.01 – RSN-CLIP Agreement – Appendix A:

1. Allowing CLIP Coordinator with CLIP administrator oversight to perform the majority of Parent Initiated Treatment DSHS reviews, and allow use of a designated CLIP Child Psychiatrist in such reviews only when necessary. (Section 5.2).
2. Allow Voluntary Referrals to CLIP to have psychiatric evaluation within prior six months by Psychiatric ARNP's instead of solely Child Psychiatrists. Many communities do not have Child Psychiatrists available for regular work in their area. (Section 10.1.3)
3. Reducing maximum certification period for initial and subsequent certifications to 6 months and 3 months respectively, from one year. This practice is more consistent with Children's Mental Health Redesign and System of Care initiatives. (Sec. 10.3, 15.4)
4. Strengthening the RSN and Community/Parent voice in Recertification request process by requiring their input to recertification recommendations. (Sec. 15.4)
5. Providing a reconsideration process and appeal right for clients denied continued recertification through the recertification review.(Sec. 15.4)

Please note there may be other changes within the document so read carefully. Full implementation of this revised/policy should occur no later than 60 days after this memo.

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