

# North Sound Mental Health Administration

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Subject: Discontinuation of Special Populations Consult Requirement

The NSMHA Clinical Oversight Team would like to inform all NSMHA providers that effective immediately, the Special Populations Consultation requirement has been discontinued. They will not be subject to a focused Utilization Review in 2014.

We are currently developing an alternative mechanism for demonstrating organizational cultural competence. We have begun to implement this mechanism at the RSN level already, and intend to have it implemented at the provider level later in 2014 or in 2015.

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