

**Frequently Asked Questions about the ending of the current Project SAFE program
administered by Advanced Behavioral Health. November 9, 2018**

1. **When is the program ending?** The current Project SAFE program is ending on December 31, 2018. The last date of service that will be paid is December 31, 2018 provided that the claims are submitted to ABH by January 15, 2019.
2. **Why is the program ending?** DCF and DMHAS have decided to re-design the program and a new program will be in place by January 1, 2019.
3. **Will the current Project SAFE program pay for services with dates of service after December 31, 2018?** No. The last date of service that will be paid will be for December 31, 2018 provided that claims are submitted to ABH by January 15, 2018.
4. **What will happen to existing clients that a provider is serving after December 31, 2018?** Providers can continue serving clients and billing their insurance or Medicaid. ABH will not be paying for any services provided after December 31, 2018.

ABH will be emailing each provider a list of SAFE clients they are serving by November 16, 2018. This list will be clients that ABH is currently paying for some or all of their SAFE services. Providers should review this list closely and be sure to have plans in place to either finish services by December 31, 2018 or to have a plan in place for transition.

For clients who do not have insurance or Medicaid, providers should work with those clients as they would any similar client without insurance or Medicaid. This might include assisting clients to get insurance or Medicaid (if they are eligible), offering a sliding fee, or referring clients to low or no cost community support groups or other non-traditional services for support.
5. **What is the replacement program to Project SAFE being introduced on 1/1/2019?** Three new evidence-based non-clinical services are being funded by DCF under a program called SAFE Family Recovery. These services include:
 - a. **Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)** to better identify which clients should be referred by DCF to substance use treatment.
 - b. **Multidimensional Family Recovery (MDFR):** a 4-month intervention to help clients enter and stay in treatment.
 - c. **Recovery Management Checkups & Support (RMCS):** a 6 month post-treatment support service to help clients initiate/sustain recovery after treatment, and to re-engage them in services if needed.
6. **Women's Recovery, Engagement, Access, Coaching and Healing (REACH)** program is being funded by DMHAS. REACH will provide statewide **Women's Recovery Navigators** targeted at pregnant or parenting women with substance use or co-occurring disorders. Based on an outreach and engagement model, female recovery navigators will develop collaborative relationships with local community-based programs and providers within the medical and behavioral health community including birthing hospitals, recovery-based programs and other state partners. The recovery navigators will work within the community to engage women needing access to care to increase real time engagement with treatment and support the development of an individualized recovery support network.
7. **After 12/31/2018 will providers get referrals from DCF? If so, how will that happen?** Yes, DCF plans to continue to refer adult caregivers to community providers. After 12/31/2018, these referrals will not be processed through ABH. Instead, DCF or SAFE-FR staff will refer clients directly to treatment providers.

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