Why the MSDP matters

The MSDP was conceived and initiated in 2007 by the Association for Behavioral Healthcare in collaboration with other stakeholders. ABH initiated the MSDP as an important step in the transition to electronic health records for provider organizations in Massachusetts. The active participation of state agencies, Medicaid payers, and consumers was a key part in the development of the MSDP.

The overall goals of the MSDP are to improve quality of care by focusing on person-centered planning and to increase compliance for providers with state and federal regulations, payer requirements, and national accreditation standards.

The MSDP promotes consistent assessment, planning and service documentation across providers and within provider organizations.

The MSDP also promotes information sharing and effective collaboration with other providers by offering consistent terminology that can be used across different disciplines.

When fully integrated into an electronic health record the MSDP forms offer a comprehensive and efficient tool for documenting community-based behavioral health services.

Update – CBHI Forms

In close partnership with the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP), the MSDP Leadership Team has been hard at work in recent months finalizing the MSDP forms and manuals for the Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI) services. There is much interest from CBHI providers regarding the implementation of the MSDP forms for these services.

A key component in the development of the CBHI forms were the forms used to document In Home Behavioral Services. The MSDP Leadership Team also reviewed and updated the forms and manuals for In-Home Therapy, Therapeutic Mentoring, and Family Support and Training.

The MSDP Leadership Team has been working closely with the Medicaid Managed Care Entities (MCEs) to be sure that the forms are consistent with the performance specifications for these services.

We will provide an update once the forms and manuals are finalized and posted under the MSDP section of the ABH website.
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Update – ESP Forms

Over the past month, the MSDP Leadership Team has worked closely with MBHP to review and revise the Emergency Services CA forms for Adults and Children. The MSDP and MBHP hope to jointly release the revised forms in the near future.

We appreciate the patience of emergency service providers as this process moves forward.

We also appreciate the work of the staff at MBHP in working with the MSDP Leadership Team on these important revisions.

Annual Review Process

The MSDP Leadership Team has completed several months of intensive work in review of current compliance standards as an important first step in the annual review process. The MSDP has undertaken this annual review process to ensure that the MSDP forms continue to meet all compliance requirements and to also make the forms more efficient for users. We will be providing ongoing updates about the annual review process moving forward.

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MSDP Vendor Certification

At present time, iCentrix Corporation, eHana, Sequest Technologies and MindLinc-Duke University have all been approved as MSDP Certified Vendors. This means that they have successfully integrated the MSDP forms into their EHR product. The MSDP is grateful to each of these companies for their strong commitment to MSDP.

Several other EHR vendors currently have applications pending for MSDP certification. We look forward to working with them moving forward.

We will continue to keep you informed as new vendors become MSDP certified.

For more information on each of the MSDP certified vendors, please visit the MSDP section of the ABH website.

New MSDP Project Coordinator

ABH is pleased to announce that Jessica Hammond, Director of Special Initiatives at ABH, will now serve as the MSDP Project Coordinator. In this role, Jessica will provide support to the MSDP Quality Management Council (QMC) and the MSDP Leadership Team in their efforts to review and update the current MSDP forms.

Jessica will coordinate the MSDP vendor certification process and serve as liaison to MSDP Electronic Health Record (EHR) Certified Vendors. Jessica also serves as the MSDP liaison to the broader community for MSDP.

Jessica has already brought renewed focus to the MSDP in her short time as Project Coordinator. We are delighted to have her join the MSDP Team!
Navigating the MSDP Website

As most of you already know, ABH now hosts all of the MSDP forms through the ABH website.

You can access the MSDP Section at http://www.abhmass.org/site/msdp.

To access the MSDP forms, click on Forms and Manuals and then Forms and Manuals by Program Type. A list of Program Types will appear. Reminder: To scroll down to view all the service types or the forms themselves, please note the green arrow keys ▲▼ at the bottom right of each screen.

Each form is available as a printable PDF or a Word version with form fields.

If you experience difficulty or need assistance, please contact Jessica Hammond at msdphelp@abhmass.org.

Below are screen shots for your reference.