About Presumptive Transfer

To provide youth in foster care or juvenile probation, who are placed outside their counties original jurisdiction, access to Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) in a timely manner. Presumptive transfer means a prompt transfer of the responsibility for authorization, provision, and payment of SMHS from the county of original jurisdiction to the county in which the youth resides.

The placing agency shall notify the Mental Health Plan (MHP) where the child resides within 3 business days of the presumptive transfer decision and ensure that the foster or probation youth’s residence address is updated the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) within 2 business days of making the determination. This notification shall include the following information:

a. Identifying information about the child: name, date of birth, and address;
b. Name, location, and contact information of the referring placing agency;
c. Name and contact information of who can sign releases of information;
d. Name and contact information of who can sign consents;

To notify the Ventura County MHP of a presumptive transfer case, please email the Quality Management/Utilization Review Dept. at QM.UR@ventura.org.