

# Monterey County Behavioral Health Quality Improvement

## PROTOCOLS

Re: Use of special considerations form for Safety Plan
Policy References: none
<b>Form Reference:</b> Special Considerations
Effective: 9/19/16

In an effort to support ongoing communication with treatment team members regarding special circumstances about the client, we have updated the “Special Considerations” form in Avatar to include Safety Plan section. The special consideration form will allow the practitioner to include information regarding an active “Safety Plan” as well as “other” considerations.

The Safety Plan section shall be used to communicate the active *safety plan* that is in place to help support the client’s needs. The *safety plan* section will display at the top of the “client notifications” (green widget) section of the client chart overview. The *safety plan* will provide an opportunity to the treatment team to quickly view and understand the client’s active safety plan and provide information on how to best support the client during this time.

The “other” special considerations section will allow the practitioner to enter other important information or considerations related to the client’s treatment. This section may include information about client’s language needs, hearing deficits, gender identify preferences, mobility considerations, etc.

Both, the Safety Plan and Other Considerations, will display in the client notification widget (green widget) section of the chart overview. When an “active” Safety Plan has been identified, the information about the safety plan will display on the top of the client notification widget. The information on “other” considerations will display at the bottom of the client notification widget.