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Greetings!

The count-down is on – Medicaid Expansion goes live 1/1/2020! We have made tremendous strides in our preparation and thank you for your ongoing efforts for a smooth and seamless transition. As announced in the October 25th provider memo, beginning 1/1/2020 DBH will no longer require the use of the GAIN assessment. DBH is moving away from a single state-approved SUD assessment and established a new Standard which prescribes what an assessment instrument must contain.

The Standards are now officially updated and posted. Moving forward, whichever comprehensive assessment the provider opts to utilize, it must be sufficient to determine the problem severity and service needs in each of the Dimensions of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) assessment and placement criteria. Following is the link to access the Standards for those guidelines. Please copy the link and paste it in your browser:

https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/_Rainbow/Manuals/Mental%20Health/BHStandardseManual/NetHelp/index.html#!Documents/30assessment.htm

We hope this change will better promote timely access to treatment for clients and less administrative burden on providers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rosie Andueza at: (208) 334-5934 or Rosie.Andueza@dhw.idaho.gov. Thank you!