

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

POLICY NO. :  1001.005	CHILD AND ADOLESCENT NEEDS AND STRENGTHS (CANS-Humboldt)	EFFECTIVE DATE:  2/01/14
PROGRAM:	CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (C&FS)	REVISION DATES: 1/26/15, 12/09/15, 2/27/17, 7/2/18, 12/17/18
AFFECTS:	Children’s Behavioral Health (CBH), Children’s Organizational Providers	REVIEW DATES: 2/27/17

**POLICY** The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS-Humboldt) tool will be used to provide an outcome measure across all Children’s Behavioral Health system. In addition it will satisfy the state required use of an outcome measure for all Children’s Behavioral Health open clients ages 0-21.

The CANS-Humboldt will be used to inform treatment plans, as a tool to engage families, to help guide clinical supervision and as an outcome measure to monitor treatment.  
Only certified staff will administer the CANS Tool.

**DEFINITION(S)** “The CANS tool is an assessment strategy that is designed to be used for decision support and outcomes management. Its primary purpose is to allow a system to remain focused on the shared vision of serving children and families, by representing children at all levels of the system. In other words, program and system management can function focused on the best interests of the children and families served if care managers have accurate information about the needs and strengths of the children in the system.” The Praed Foundation

Admitting Practitioner: Clinical coordinator of care (See QI Bulletin 15-Q003)

**PROCEDURE**

1. All CBH Clinicians and Case Managers will be trained and certified to administer the CANS-Humboldt. In addition, all CBH Clinicians and Case Managers are required to re-certify annually at the CANS training website <https://www.schoox.com/login.php> In order to re-certify, they must request a new CANS coupon to be able to access the website for the next 12 months. The coupons are available from the CBH analyst via e-mail. They must then take the test with a passing grade to become re-certified.
2. The CANS-Humboldt will be administered within the following time frames
  - 2.1 By the Admitting Practitioner within the first 60 days of opening a client.
  - 2.2 Six months after initial CANS
  - 2.3 With annual packet
  - 2.4 Every six months after annual
  - 2.5 At any Life Changing Event
  - 2.6 At the closing by the Admitting Practitioner
  - 2.7 At the beginning and completion of all C&FS Evidence Based Practices (EBP) by the EBP Clinician.
3. Routing and reporting CANS by CBH staff and Org. Providers
  - 3.1 Completed CANS-Humboldt will be routed to Quality Management Services (QMS) for compilation of data.
  - 3.2 Once processed, QMS will route forms to Medical Records
  - 3.3 The CANS-Humboldt will be scanned into the client’s medical record

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FORM(S)/  
ATTACHMENTS

[Form 1004.25 Humboldt CANS rating sheet 2.0](#)  
[CANS-Humboldt Guide](#)  
[MHSUDS Information Notice 18-007](#)  
[MHSUDS Information Notice 17-052](#)  
[QI Bulletin 15-Q003- Admitting and Attending Practitioner Definitions](#)  
[Avatar Bulletin 18-A007- Claiming for CANS Related Activities](#)  
[Additional QI Bulletin pending](#)

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REFERENCE

<https://www.schoox.com/login.php>

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