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- I. The results of some of the recent EPSDT audits for county and contract programs report the following:
- a) The completion of the Discharge Summary cannot be billed as case management fee.
- b) Assessment progress notes must document assessment activities. Medi-Cal's definition of Assessment is a service activity which may include a clinical analysis of the history and current status of a beneficiary's mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder, relevant cultural issues and history; diagnosis; and the use of testing procedures.
- c) The assessment summary, the diagnosis, the treatment plan and the progress notes must be connected.
- d) The date on the progress note must match the date of the ED.
- II. If providing other than assessment services prior to completion of the assessment documents, including the treatment plan one must;
- a) Complete the Treatment Plan for Non-Assessment Services Provided During the Assessment Period
- b) Medication Evaluation, Crisis Intervention, and Psychological Testing can be provided during the assessment period without the need of completing the Tx Plan for Non-Assessment Services.