

**GA-U Mental Health Integration Program (MHIP)
Process for Transitioning RSN-funded GA-U clients to CHP**

There may be a significant number of GA-U clients currently using RSN-funded slots and needing to be transferred to CHP. A ramp-up period will ensure continuity of care and prevent service disruption for as many clients as possible.

CHP will begin paying specialty mental health agencies for an allocated number of Level 2 slots beginning December 1st. These slots cover clients who are either referred from Level 1 or retroactively enrolled at Level 2. Please note that we are trying to understand the "right" number of slots to allocate at Level 2 based on what enrollment actually turns out to be, so Level 2 slot allocations may initially be lower than they should be and will be adjusted accordingly as we go along.

CHP wants to ensure the best transition possible for our mutual GA-U clients. In order to do that, we will authorize "retroactive referral" to Level 2 for an interim period of time for clients meeting criteria. Not all current RSN-funded GA-U clients will be appropriate for retroactive referral. We do not want to fill all Level 2 slots retroactively. As this prevents true integration with primary care and runs counter to the goals of the GA-U MHIP Program.

Referral from Level 1*:

Refer all clients who can be safely referred to the Level 1 care coordinator for:

- a. Assessment and entry into Level 1 care; and
- b. Determination of appropriateness of referral to Level 2 care.

*If a care coordinator has not yet been identified in your community, see "Continuation of RSN-funded Services" below.

Retroactive Enrollment at Level 2:**

Maintain any clients in level 2 care who are:

- a. On track for GA-X (please prioritize this work at L2; or
- b. Not stable enough to be referred to L1 at this time.

** Please request an authorization for a retro referral from the L1 care coordinator prior to beginning L2 services. Level 2 referrals are made via MHITS. If there is no care coordinator in place in your community, please request authorization through Community Health Plan: Erin Hafer 206-613-5022.

Continuation of RSN-funded Services:

Continue to provide RSN services to GA-U clients during this transition period who:

- a. Do not meet criteria for retroactive referral; and
- b. Have not yet been connected with a care coordinator, and who have been determined by your agency to be at-risk if they were to be terminated from services at this time.