

RISK ASSESSMENT

The logo for Behavioral Health Services (BHS) and the Unified Crisis Response Model (UCRM). It consists of three concentric circles in shades of blue, with the text "BHS" and "UCRM" stacked vertically in white within the innermost circle.

BHS
UCRM

Completed By:

1. Physician
2. Physician Assistant
3. Licensed/Waivered Psychologist
4. Licensed/Registered/Waivered Social Worker/ Marriage and Family Therapist
5. Licensed/Registered Professional Clinical Counselor
6. Registered Nurse
7. RN with Master's Degree in related field
8. Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
9. Licensed Psychiatric Technician/ Licensed Vocational Nurse *
10. MHRS *
11. Registered PsyD*
12. SUD Counselor *
13. Master Level Clinical Trainee *

The following may compete under the direct supervision of a Behavioral Health Professional

Compliance Requirements:

- Timelines: The Risk Assessment is required to be completed:
 - MH: Within a clinically appropriate timeframe from discharge from acute care 24 hour facilities (hospital or crisis house) and thereafter anytime a client presents with risk factors. The County of San Diego is defining a “clinically appropriate timeframe” as between 72 hours and 5 days post discharge.
 - Please note that if the risk assessment cannot be completed for any reason within timeframes the documentation must at minimum document attempted efforts to complete the risk assessment and/or reasons why it was not completed on time.
 - SUD:
 - Outpatient programs – To be reviewed and signed by LPHA within 7 calendar days from day of admit.
 - Residential programs – To be reviewed and signed by LPHA within 24 hours from day of admit.
- If risk is indicated, the development of a plan to manage safety is required. See “Safety Plan Explanation Sheet” for instructions. Programs may utilize their own template for safety plans but must use the Risk Assessment in SmartCare.
- Suicidality/Other Risk to Self - If selected, then Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale

(CSSRS) must be completed. See the CSSRS Adult and Child form fills help text for instructions.

- Scope of Practice:
 - MH: If completed by an unlicensed staff, a consultation with a licensed staff needs to take place and the assessment must be co-signed.
 - SUD: if completed by an SUD Counselor, the assessment must be reviewed and signed by an LPHA.

Documentation Standards:

- Use help text prompts to complete ALL form fill sections.
 - Select all check boxes that apply in each section.
- Suicidality/Other Risk to Self - If selected, then Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (CSSRS) must be completed. See the CSSRS Adult and Child form fills help text for instructions.
- When you search for *Risk Assessment* in Smartcare, you will see two options: Risk Assessment and Risk Assessment (c). The correct Risk Assessment to utilize is the one that says “Risk Assessment” without the (c).
- If downtime form is utilized, it must be scanned/uploaded into SmartCare Electronic Health Record (EHR).