



# PROVIDER *bulletin*

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RE: Alcohol Misuse: Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care

Dear Provider:

Since January 1, 2014 Kern Family Health Care (KFHC) has offered an expanded alcohol screening for members 18 years and older. Recently, the Alcohol Misuse Screening and Counseling (AMSC) training requirements for providers have been revised.

Primary care providers (PCPs) may offer AMSC in the primary care setting as long as they meet the following requirements:

- AMSC services may be provided by a licensed health care provider or staff working under the supervision of a licensed health care provider, including but not limited to, the following:
  - Licensed Physician
  - Physician Assistant
  - Nurse Practitioner
  - Psychologist
  
- At least one supervising licensed provider per clinic or practice may take four hours of AMSC training after initiating AMSC services. The training is not required; however, it is recommended.

For additional information regarding this change, please refer to the DHCS All Plan Letter 17-016 and KHS policy 3.14-P Mental Health Services:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2017/APL17-015.pdf>

<http://www.kernfamilyhealthcare.com/files/3.14-P%20Mental%20Health%20Services%202017-04.pdf>

Thank you,  
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