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Special Populations in
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Special Populations in SmartCare

The department has developed protocols for the use of the Special Populations designation in SmartCare. Please use the guidance below as it applies to its respective Special Population.

CalWORKS:

- Target population: Individuals who report they are in the DSS CalWORKS program or individuals identified by DSS as being in the CalWORKS program. *Not to be used for individuals receiving medication services only.*
- Use case: This special population should be added when the access program or treating clinician become aware that the person is on CalWORKS by the person served or DSS. It should be removed at the time of discharge from the program or when staff become aware that it has ended.

Child Protective Services:

- Target population: Youth who are in the child welfare system.
- Use case: This special population should be added by the DBH Child Welfare Mental Health team when they receive a court order for a youth entering the child welfare system. It should be removed by the **DBH Child Welfare Mental Health team when the youth's child welfare case has been closed.** *No other providers/programs are permitted to activate this special population.*

LPS Conservatorship:

- Target population: Youth/Adults who have been appointed to LPS Conservatorship in Fresno County.
- Use case: This special population should be added by the DBH RISE-Conservatorship team when an individual has been appointed to LPS Conservatorship. It should be removed by the **DBH RISE-Conservatorship team when the individual's conservatorship has been dismissed.** *No other providers/programs are permitted to activate this special population.*

Other Conservatorship:

- Target population: Individuals who have been appointed to Murphy Conservatorship in Fresno County.
- Use case: This special population should be added by the DBH RISE-Conservatorship team when an individual has been appointed to Murphy Conservatorship. It should be removed by the **DBH RISE-Conservatorship team when the individual's conservatorship**

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has been dismissed. *If an individual is on Murphy Conservatorship and LPS conservatorship both special population designations shall be used until the Murphy Conservatorship is dismissed. *No other providers/programs are permitted to activate this special population.*

Presumptive Transfer:

- Target population: Foster care youth who are currently placed in Fresno County from another county and a presumptive transfer notice has been received by DBH.
- Use case: This special population should be added by the Presumptive Transfer Coordinator or the program responsible for presumptive transfers. It should be removed by the Presumptive Transfer Coordinator or the responsible program when the youth is no longer placed in Fresno County.

Probation:

- Target population: Youth/Adults who report being on probation or individuals identified by Probation. *Not to be used for individuals receiving medication services only.*
- Use case: This special population should be added when the access program or treating clinician become aware that the person is on probation by the person served or Probation. It should be removed at the time of discharge from the program or when staff become aware that it has ended.

Currently, the department has elected not to use the following Special Population designations:

- Foster Care
- Therapeutic Foster Care

The previous direction given by Managed Care regarding the use of ICC/IHBS and Katie A-ICC/IHBS Special Populations is still in effect and attached to this announcement for your reference.

Please see the Fresno County ICC IHBS Consideration Tool and Changes to ICC and IHBS Claiming Notification Letter attached to this NYCU.