



Center for Early Detection, Assessment, and Response to Risk (CEDAR)

10/23/18

Dear Clients and Families of the CEDAR Clinic,

We are writing to let you know about some administrative changes at the CEDAR Clinic. As of November 1, 2018, the CEDAR Clinic will transition from being a clinic of the Massachusetts Mental Health Center (MMHC) to becoming a satellite clinic of the Brookline Center for Community Mental Health (BCCMH). Our clinic services and offices will remain in the MMHC building at 75 Fenwood Road, but the parent center of the CEDAR Clinic will become BCCMH. This means that all individuals receiving services at CEDAR will be discharged from MMHC and will have an intake for BCCMH. We have been working with both centers to make this as seamless as possible for all youth and families that receive services at CEDAR. Here's what you can expect:

- 1) Your (or your relative's) clinician will ask you to sign a release of information to share your medical records with BCCMH. The CEDAR team will obtain a copy of the main parts of your MMHC medical record so that your clinician will continue to have access to this information after November 1.
- 2) Your clinician will write a note in your MMHC record indicating that you are being discharged from MMHC as a part of transitioning to care through CEDAR-BCCMH.
- 3) You (and/or your relative) will have some new paperwork to fill out for your file at CEDAR-BCCMH. This will happen at your first clinic visit on or after 11/1/18.
- 4) A CEDAR staff person will update your insurance information. If your insurance requires a co-pay, you will be asked to pay this at the beginning of each visit to CEDAR. BCCMH accepts most insurances, including MassHealth and Medicare, and most of our services are covered by insurance. Other services may be free or offered on a sliding scale. Services that are not covered by insurance are paid directly by clients or their families. If you do not have insurance or adequate coverage, our registration and billing office staff can help you understand payment options and apply for financial assistance at the time of your first appointment in November. More information about this can be found on the BCCMH website: <https://www.brooklinecenter.org/find-help/what-expect/fees-insurance-financial-assistance/>

If you have questions about the transition, please contact your/ your relative's clinician and we will do our best to answer your questions and to provide additional information about this transition as it becomes available.

Best wishes,

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