



HEALTH CARE AGENCY
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

MEMO

DATE: August 20, 2013
TO: Care Providers
FROM: Tamarra Jones, Program Manager
CC: Latanya Mitchell, Raul Sobero
SUBJECT: Implementation of ARIES Share Status

This memo is intended to provide information regarding the implementation of a shared system for ARIES. Since the implementation of ARIES, Orange County has been a non-share system. Therefore, even if a client marked “share” on their ARIES consent form, we did not allow for the data to be shared.

Effective August 26, 2013, clients who select to share on the ARIES consent form will become a shared client in ARIES. Only agencies and staff who are specifically trained and authorized to conduct eligibility screening will have the ability to change the client’s status to share in ARIES. For all other agencies, the signed ARIES consent form indicating the client’s decision to share, must be faxed to James Williams attention (714) 834-8270. The client’s share status will be changed and a scanned copy of the signed ARIES consent form will be uploaded into ARIES within three business days of receipt.

Agencies are not required to wait for the current ARIES form to expire before changing/requesting a change to the ARIES status. Agencies have the choice to decide how and when they will inform clients of the ability to change their share status. Attached (in English and Spanish) is an information sheet that can help your staff explain ARIES and the share option to clients. These documents are also located on the HIV Planning and Coordination website under Tools for Care Providers:
<http://ohealthinfo.com/phs/about/dcepi/hiv/service/docs>

As a reminder, if a client chooses to share:

- Data is only shared with the agencies where a client receives services.
- Data regarding substance abuse and mental health are never shared regardless of a person’s “share” status.
- A client can choose to go back to “non-share” status at any time by signing a new ARIES consent form. The signed “non-share” ARIES consent form must also be submitted to James Williams to change the status.

For any questions with the process, please do not hesitate to call me at (714) 834-8798.