

# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AVATAR INFORMATION NOTICE

## TOPIC: CANS/ANSA Changes

### Avatar Form(s), Process and/or Users Affected

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Avatar Form(s) **CANS/ANSA**

**Problem Process Procedure Change** There are multiple changes to questions on the CANS/ANSA in Avatar due to California State Requirements for the CANS. Since our CANS form is connected to the ANSA, these changes affect both the CANS and ANSA.

**Users Affected** MH Clinicians who use the CANS/ANSA and their Supervisors

### Summary/Introduction

- As part of the Continuum of Care reform, the state implemented a streamlined version of the CANS to be used by all California Counties.
- Changes have been made to our CANS/ANSA in Avatar to comply with state requirements.
- Because of the state mandate, there are a few new items included. Supervisors will be given materials to support these changes and will be sharing them with all of you in Supervision & Team Meetings.

### Detailed Description of Changes

- There is no longer an "n/a" option for many questions because the California state version of the form does not have this.

Depression	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> NA/Unk
Anxiety	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> NA/Unk
Oppositional Behavior	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> NA/Unk
Conduct/Antisocial Behavior	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> NA/Unk
Mania	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> NA/Unk
Interpersonal Problems	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> NA/Unk
Regulatory	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> NA/Unk

- In addition to "Intake, Update & Discharge," there are now 2 new options for the "Type" question:
  - Administrative Close – Use when client has dropped out of tx. Reason for addition: Tells the state to no longer track CANS for this client.
  - Urgent – Use anytime to document a change in an item's action level (score).

Assessment Type

Initial  Reassessment  Discharge

Administrative Close  Urgent

- A new Module, "Adverse Childhood Experiences," has been added. You will find this new module in the "Mental health/Behavioral Health" section of the form. 9 of the 12 items in this Module are the same as those in the Trauma Module. You will notice that these questions only have a "Yes/No" response.

**POTENTIALLY TRAUMATIC/ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES**  
0 = NO, 1 = YES

Sexual Abuse	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	Sexual Abuse (21+)	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1
Physical Abuse	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	Witness to Community/School Violence	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1
Emotional Abuse	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	Witness/Victim - Criminal Acts	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1
Medical Trauma	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	War/Terrorism Affected	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1
Natural or Man-made Disaster	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	Neglect	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1
Witness to Family Violence	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	Disrupt in Caregiving/Atch Losses	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1
Other Trauma	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	Parental Criminal Behaviors	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1

Describe Other Trauma

**For More Information Contact**

The QI help desk at [askqi@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:askqi@santacruzcounty.us)

**Resources**

More information about this issue will posted on the Santa Cruz Avatar webpage shortly.

<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/hsahome/hsadivisions/behavioralhealth/avatarresources.aspx>

The easy way to get to the web page is to type Avatar into the Search Forms blank when you are in Avatar. Click on Avatar Resources and this will launch the web page.

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