

**Department of Behavioral Health**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

<b>SUBJECT</b> Cancellation of Screening for Substance Use Disorders Policy		
<b>POLICY NUMBER</b> 200.4A	<b>DATE</b> 06/06/2024	<b>TL#</b> 342

**Purpose.** The purpose of this transmittal is to cancel Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Policy 200.4A, Screening for Substance Use Disorders (SUD). Effective June 30, 2024, DBH will no longer require that Core Services Agencies (CSA), Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Community Based Intervention (CBI) and Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) providers screen for co-occurring SUD using the web-based Global Appraisal of Individual Needs-Short Screener. Pursuant to Title 22-A District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Chapter 30 § 3008.3(c), Chapter 34 § 3418.4(b), and Chapter 80 § 8024.1(c), providers must continue to screen for co-occurring SUD; however, DBH will no longer mandate a specific SUD screening tool.

**Applicability.** Applies to all CSAs, ACT, CBI and CPEP providers.

**Policy Cancellation Clearance.** Reviewed by affected responsible staff and cleared through appropriate DBH offices.

**Effective Date.** This policy shall be effective June 30, 2024.

**Distribution.** This cancellation transmittal will be posted on the DBH website at [www.dbh.dc.gov](http://www.dbh.dc.gov) under Policies, Rules and Bulletins.

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(Signature) June 6, 2024 (Date)