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Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Mental Health Plan and  
Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System

### **Grievance Form**

**Grievance:**

An expression of dissatisfaction about any matter other than an adverse benefit determination.

Note: a grievance resolution will be made within (60) sixty calendar days of receipt of the grievance.

**Action:**

Occurs when the Local Mental Health or Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Plan

- Denies or limits authorization of a requested services;
- Reduces, suspends, or terminates a previously authorized service;
- Denies, in whole or in part, payment for a service;
- Fails to act within the required timeframes for standard resolution of grievances and appeals; or
- Denies a beneficiary's request to dispute financial liability.

**Appeal:**

A request by the beneficiary for a review by the Plan of an adverse benefit determination.

**Expedited Appeal:**

A request by the beneficiary to review an adverse benefit determination when using the standard resolution process could jeopardize the beneficiary's mental health or substance use disorder condition and/or the beneficiary's ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function.



## Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

# GRIEVANCE FORM

**FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY BENEFICIARY / CLIENT AND FORWARDED TO THE PATIENT'S RIGHTS OFFICE  
PO BOX 1000, Bakersfield, CA 93302-1000  
Phone (844) 360-8250**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary / Client  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  M  F Preferred Language: \_\_\_\_\_

If client is a minor, then name of legal guardian filing on behalf of minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (include City / State / Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print or write legibly.

Describe the reason(s) for requesting a grievance. Please be specific by including names, dates, and times whenever possible.

1. Describe grievance or nature of grievance.

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2. What would you like to see happen to resolve this grievance?

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Beneficiary Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_