Guidelines for Perinatal Mental Health Providers listed on Maternal Behavioral Health Referral form
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Purports expertise in Perinatal Depression

Demonstrates knowledge and utilization of community resources:
eg MomsFirst, Help Me Grow, Managed Care Companies, DCFS

Provides quick intake after referral:
- Phone contact with client offered within **72 hours**
- Mental Health assessment provided within **1 - 2 weeks** (priority given to suicidal risk).
- Psychiatrist appointment available within **3 weeks**
  If unable to provide services for any reason, agency will contact another agency
  (preferably near client’s home) that is able to provide services, transition client to
  that agency, and make referring provider aware of change

Provides feedback to referring provider:
- Relevant statement will be checked off on Provider Feedback Regarding Referral box
  and faxed back to the Referring Provider.
- Referring Provider **Name and fax number** needs to be clearly listed on the form to
  receive feedback.

Timeframe for feedback will be as follows:
Feedback will be sent to referring provider within 1-2 weeks after referral made on:
- Need valid contact information
- Completed Intake Visit
- Refused Services/Withdrawn
- Mental Health Agency Referred to

Feedback will be sent to referring provider within 4-6 weeks after referral made:
- Cancelled/Rescheduled;
- Refused services/Withdrawn
- No Response

Treatment plan can be requested after agency-client consent obtained. Additional feedback available
upon request when medications are prescribed, changed or discontinued and status at discharge.