## DID YOU KNOW?





DID YOU KNOW?.....CIHI has changed the definition for the new referral statistic in the MIS standards?

Current Definition in the MIS Standards:

**New referrals** are defined as the number of service recipients, registered with the functional centre, who received services in the current month and who had not received services from the functional centre in a prior month. Only one new referral should be counted by the functional centre for the time interval during which the service recipient's file remains open and the individual receives services. A file is closed when services are terminated, or **a period of time specified by the functional centre has elapsed** since the service recipient received services.

CIHI has removed the 12-month parameter in the old definition. See below.

Old: A file is closed when services are terminated and/or interventions are no longer necessary or effective or a **12-month period has elapsed** since the person has received services and no planned follow up is intended.

If you or anyone in your program has any questions about this change please reach out to the MIS consultants at Digital Health – <a href="mailto:mail

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