

# PIMSY mental health EHR Newsletter – Sept 2012 – Should Your EMR Have Templates?

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## Should Your EMR Have Templates?

Many EMRs have templates, which means that you don't have to create a note from scratch but can rather add to—or choose options within—a pre-existing framework that covers the basics of the client assessment. There are many pros and cons to templates ([examples](#)), and it's good to remember that while templates make a lot of sense in general medicine, the world of mental and behavioral health is often much more subtle, both in assessment and diagnosis. A medical doctor can usually run tests that give a concrete diagnosis, whereas a mental health professional may need more than one meeting to assess and determine diagnoses. Additionally, mental health clients may be experiencing more than one overlapping condition that can affect your findings, and without determining testing available, more in-depth notes may be required.

This isn't to say that templates can't be used in mental and behavioral health; in fact, they can be an invaluable time-saving benefit to your practice. The key is finding the right templates for your specialties and/or being able to create and customize your own. Creating your own notes and treatment plans allows you to truly save time by building documents around your treatment methods. You should also be able to customize your templates so that each note captures the specific individual needs of your client, with all the necessary nuances that mental health charting may include.

PIMSY gives you the best of all worlds by giving you total control: you create your own templates but still manage all the text on each individual note. This means that the level of customization is completely up to you. All PIMSY templates can be further tailored to your specifications via our Q&A functionality, which gives you complete jurisdiction. **Contact** us for a free demonstration of how PIMSY's templates work, how PIMSY Q&A allows you to customize any note and how PIMSY can enhance your practice.



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