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### **"Canned Notes" for Behavioral Health**

Many mental health EMRs and EHRs (electronic medical / health records) have templates, which means that you don't have to create a note from scratch but can rather add to a pre-existing template that covers the basic structure of the client assessment.

There are many pros and cons to templates, also known as canned notes. 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.

### **Mental Health Note Templates**

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 or being able to create and customize your own.

Creating your own note and treatment plan templates allows you to truly save time by building documents that capture your treatment methods. But how is that possible? Can you require that your EHR provide note flexibility and templates?

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