## **Client File Organization**



## The following are suggestions to help agencies improve the organization of Client/Clinical Folders:

- In order to make Client/Clinical files easier to manage, CAHC suggests using a file system to keep all client/clinical paperwork organized in a similar fashion.
- A file folder with added tab dividers or an accordion type file folder with tabs is recommended
  for each employee record, but not required by CAHC. Agencies can devise their own filing
  system to organize their client/clinical records.
- An example how to set up client/clinical files with documents organized by category (or sections) is shown below:

Section 1: Intake

Job Order

MD Order (CBSN)

Certificate of Need (CPCS)

Service Agreement Insurance Authorization

Section 2: Advance Directives

Bill of Rights

Acknowledgment of Consumer Guide

Section 3: Initial Assessment

Reassessments

Section 4: Plan of Care (CPCS)/485 (CBSN)

Medication Profile (CBSN)

Medication Administration Record (CBSN)

**Section 5**: Case Monitoring Reports

30-day Telephone Calls

Section 6: Orientation to Case/Supervision of Staff (PCA/PDN)

Section 7: Nursing Progress Notes

Section 8: Miscellaneous paperwork specific to agency

Section 9: Discharge Summary

## **Helpful Tip:**

Start of Care (SOC) should be prominently displayed on the client's record