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To: All BH Stakeholders

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Re: Update on ACT & IHBT

As you know, ODMH and ODADAS will consolidate in the new Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services effective July 1, 2013. We would like to use this as an opportunity to update the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) service rule to include the corresponding alcohol and other drug (AoD) services and to update the qualifications of clinicians who will be able to provide ACT. This will be much more reflective of the ACT service as an evidence-based practice which comprehensively addresses the high prevalence of co-occurrence of mental health and substance use disorders in the population for which it has been proven to be most effective.

As part of the work to add ACT and Intensive Home Based Services (IHBT) as Medicaid covered services, the department is continuing to analyze historical claim information to inform the rate setting and state financing processes. The claims data for ACT is being re-run to include AoD services. We are also developing a mechanism, using the existing cost report structure, by which providers can retro-fit their current cost information into the new service lines. Providers will also be able to use this tool to prospectively cost the new services. We are planning to share this tool in the next few weeks with a select group of providers who are currently providing ACT and IHBT within the scope of the proposed rules. The goal is to use this cost data, which will be derived in a consistent manner across providers for these services, along with claims-based data to inform the rate setting for these services.

Although ODMH and ODADAS are collaborating on revising the ACT rule, ODMH is finalizing its IHBT rule work with the Office of Common Sense Initiative, headed by Lt. Governor Mary Taylor, which will allow ODMH to file the IHBT rule with JCARR. ODMH anticipates filing the rule package no later than Tuesday, April 16. After filed, stakeholders will be notified of the rule filing and public hearing date. To sign up for

ODMH rule notifications, go to <http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/what-we-do/protect-and-monitor/licensure-and-certification/rules/listserv-residential-psychiatric-adult-Foster-Home-facility-rules.shtml>.

The Office of Health Integration will continue to provide regular updates on the progress of the work related to these two services. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Bergefurd at healthintegration@mh.ohio.gov.

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