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Dear DBH Provider,

As you are aware, the proposed Integrated Behavioral Health Regulations are anticipated to be implemented by July 1, 2011. These regulations stipulate that by July 1, 2015, all community behavioral health service providers receiving public funds and certain non-publicly funded substance use providers, are required to attain National Accreditation (NA). Agencies may select from three recognized NA entities. These include the Joint Commission (JC), the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), or the Council on Accreditation (COA). The Division has the option of expanding this list on a case by case basis, if additional requirements are met.

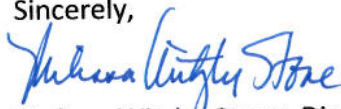
Due to the length of the planning cycle, agencies currently not accredited are strongly encouraged to begin the process of choosing the most appropriate NA entity that matches each respective organization. In particular, it is crucial that NA is obtained relevant to the services for which you will seek department approval, as defined in the proposed regulations. Likewise, agencies currently accredited should conduct a review to insure that the NA is correctly matched with the services for which you will seek department approval.

As a National Accreditation entity is chosen, each organization must select the appropriate *Service Type* designation and/or field category which will correctly align with the *Department Provider Approval*. This will insure that the scope of the onsite survey from the NA body targets those most relevant areas of your organization that provide services.

Attached is a Matrix that DBH has created to assist providers as they choose an accreditation body. Displayed, are the five types of *Provider Approval*, (Clinic, Rehabilitation, Substance Abuse Residential, Detoxification and Day Treatment), for service provision and the-corresponding *NA Service Types*. If a provider seeks to vary from this directive it will be important to consult with DBH Program Integrity Staff before proceeding. Not doing so, could put the agency at risk for having the agency's National Accreditation not accepted by the Division.

We understand this is an expensive and labor-intensive effort for all providers and it is important that the correct decision paths are chosen to increase the efficiency of the process and prevent changes at a later date. Please work with our Division staff should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Melissa Witzler Stone, Director
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Attachment: *DBH National Accreditation Matrix*

DBH National Accreditation Matrix: Department Provider Approval Aligned with National Accreditation Service Types

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Department Provider Approval					
National Accreditation Body	CLINIC approval Allows billing for:	REHABILITATION approval Allows billing for:	RESIDENTIAL approval Allows billing for:	DETOXIFICATION approval Allows billing for:	DAY TREATMENT approval Allows billing for:
	Behavioral Health Screening Client Status Review Mental Health Intake Assessment Integrated MH/Subs. Use Intake Assessment Psychiatric Assessment Pharmacologic Management Psychotherapy Services Short-term Crisis Intervention Psychological Testing	Screening and Brief Intervention Behavioral Health Screening Client Status Review Substance Abuse Assessment Case Management Compr. Comm. Supp. f/ Adults Peer Support Therap. Beh. Serv. f/ Children Recipient Support Medication Administration Methadone or Antabuse admin. Medical evaluation Short-term crisis stabilization Facilitation of Telemedicine Session Daily Behavioral Rehabilitation	Residential Substance Abuse Tx - High Intensity - Medium Intensity - Low Intensity	Alcohol and Drug Detoxification - Medically Monitored - Clinically Managed - Ambulatory	Day Treatment f/Children
National Accreditation Service Types					
CARF ** Agencies must also designate "Field Categories" (Integrated AOD/Mental Health, Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs/Addictions) for each service type.	OUTPATIENT TREATMENT Assertive Community Tx Case Management Employment OUTPATIENT TREATMENT Integrated Beh. Health/Prim. Health Opioid Tx Programs (Methadone)	Assertive Community Tx Case Management Employment OUTPATIENT TREATMENT Integrated Beh. Health/Prim. Health Opioid Tx Programs (Methadone)	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT Therapeutic Communities	DETOXIFICATION	OUTPATIENT TREATMENT
COA	OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH Case Management Psychosocial Rehab Services Assertive Community tx SERVICES F/SUBSTANCE USE COND. Opioid Tx Programs (Methadone) OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH	Case Management Psychosocial Rehab Services Assertive Community tx SERVICES F/SUBSTANCE USE COND. Opioid Tx Programs (Methadone) OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SVS. (residential SA programs would also need to complete "Services for Substance Use Conditions")	** COA does not accredit for Medical Detoxification pgms	OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH
JC	OUTPATIENT Case Management Opioid Tx Programs (Methadone) Supported Living OUTPATIENT TREATMENT	ADDITIONS SERVICES Case Management Opioid Tx Programs (Methadone) Supported Living OUTPATIENT TREATMENT	RESIDENTIAL Medically Staffed Detoxification Covered by JC Hospital Standards	Medically Staffed Detoxification Covered by JC Hospital Standards	OUTPATIENT TREATMENT